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2 PHILLIPA HORAN: Tell me why you think -- why
3 you think his writing is interesting. He's really
4 good, he's really good.

5 Okay. Okay. I'm getting texts from him and
6 I'm getting texts from this friend that I set up in
7 Istanbul, saying: He and my Turkish friends are
8 butting heads. It's great. He told us that you
9 had an orgy with Mick Jagger and Daphne Guinness.
10 Is this true?

11 HUNTER BIDEN: Is it -- is it true?

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: Half true. Half true.

13 HUNTER BIDEN: What? Daphne Guinness but not
14 Mick Jagger; what's the half of it?

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: Daphne Guinness. A long time
16 ago.

17 HUNTER BIDEN: Well, I'm ready for any of your
18 orgies.

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: I'm -- I'm very, very, very
20 private and --

21 HUNTER BIDEN: Well, clearly, people --

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: I --

23 HUNTER BIDEN: -- are talking about your
24 orgies with Mick Jagger and Daphne Guinness --

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: Well, this is --

1 HUNTER BIDEN: -- in Istanbul.

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- this is -- this is -- did

3 he --

4 HUNTER BIDEN: I love when -- I love when

5 you --

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: He knows I'm with --

7 HUNTER BIDEN: -- say that shit.

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- Daphne Guinness. He has

9 a --

10 HUNTER BIDEN: It doesn't -- it's so full of

11 shit, it's unbelievable. I'm private, baby.

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: No, but this is from a friend

13 of mine. He thinks -- he's texting me because he

14 thinks I'm really prudish and really private. He

15 says, how come I never --

16 HUNTER BIDEN: You are.

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- have a boyfriend. How

18 come I never know about any of this stuff.

19 I really --

20 HUNTER BIDEN: Don't say because you're

21 private.

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: So -- so it's funny.

23 Okay. What was I doing? I was looking -- oh,

24 I wanted you to listen to this, which I thought

25 this was kind of interesting.

1 HUNTER BIDEN: But anyway, what I'm saying, I
2 don't get to hear what the oth -- what your friend
3 said about me because it's all about me, baby.

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah. Right.

5 Do you -- are you familiar with Russell Brand?

6 HUNTER BIDEN: Yes, very much so.

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: On -- on addiction.

8 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah. And I -- he -- he's
9 wonderful and I'm glad that he's helping other
10 people, but come on dude, I -- I mean, like, I get
11 it.

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

13 HUNTER BIDEN: And I agree with him a hundred
14 percent.

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

16 HUNTER BIDEN: And I really do. And I think
17 that most of what he's saying is -- is absolutely
18 true.

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

20 HUNTER BIDEN: But again, you know what, there
21 is a -- there is a lack of -- of understanding of
22 the reality of real addicts' lives. Russell Brand
23 is talking to the addict that has the choice to
24 even go to fucking rehab, that has AA in their
25 neighborhood. I mean, you may think it's fucking

1 ri -- ubiquitous, but the truth of the matter is,
2 is that, you know, most of the addicts -- and
3 Russell Brand does not choose to just hang out with
4 the people that I hang out with.

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: No.

6 HUNTER BIDEN: And I don't think --

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: If --

8 HUNTER BIDEN: -- I don't choose to hang out
9 with them because they are the dregs of society and
10 I'm doing some kind of, like, cultural fucking
11 exploration or, you know -- I -- I do, because
12 that's where I find to be home.

13 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

14 HUNTER BIDEN: In reality, for real.

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

16 HUNTER BIDEN: Not the drug, but the person.

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

18 HUNTER BIDEN: There is a -- there is a --
19 there's a truth to that, and most people are
20 absolutely in -- at -- in -- what -- in the -- in
21 the stratosphere we live in, are appalled by more
22 than -- more than anything, appalled by the fact
23 that I lived with a homeless person, not that I was
24 doing crack.

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

1 HUNTER BIDEN: I'm telling you --

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: I know.

3 HUNTER BIDEN: -- a hundred percent.

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

5 HUNTER BIDEN: Because they cannot understand

6 once they literally -- like, they see Robin, they

7 hear Robin talk --

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

9 HUNTER BIDEN: -- they have -- they are --

10 they are aghast.

11 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

12 HUNTER BIDEN: Good people, by the way.

13 PHILLIPA HORAN: I mean, do you think -- I

14 mean, if -- if your dad is running -- let's play

15 devil's advocate. If your dad is running, like, --

16 HUNTER BIDEN: Can we --

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- is it --

18 HUNTER BIDEN: -- not do if --

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: Okay.

20 HUNTER BIDEN: -- about -- not about anything

21 because it doesn't matter whether he does or not,

22 in terms of whether I do this or not.

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: No, no --

24 HUNTER BIDEN: It truly --

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- no.

1 HUNTER BIDEN: -- doesn't.

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: But I'm just saying, like, in
3 terms of like if -- if, say, that the worst
4 possible thing that, you know, people -- I mean,
5 could, -- you know, if Fox News goes to town on
6 this, for instance.

7 HUNTER BIDEN: Can I give you a -- wait,
8 before you say it, okay? And I know that I'm
9 talking but it's important that I --

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

11 HUNTER BIDEN: -- say this stuff.

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: No, no.

13 HUNTER BIDEN: Because I -- then I stop
14 because I don't have the energy to say it.

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

16 HUNTER BIDEN: Your experience with Daphne
17 Guinness -- okay? You're private about it. And
18 part of the reason that you're private about it is
19 because, number one, it's your fucking life; but
20 also the reason is, is because you do not want
21 to -- you -- you do not want to have a -- expose a
22 public person that entrusted you with their -- with
23 their -- with their privacy.

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: That was maybe ten years ago.

25 HUNTER BIDEN: I know, but I'm saying is --

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: I didn't tell anyone.

2 HUNTER BIDEN: No, I know. But you didn't
3 tell anybody as much because of you --

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

5 HUNTER BIDEN: -- and the realization, but
6 also because of Daphne, correct?

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: That is true. She has kids,
8 yeah.

9 HUNTER BIDEN: Okay. Okay. There you go.
10 Daphne Guinness will literally be a fucking
11 blip in a fucking radar fucking screen as compared
12 to my presence if my dad becomes president of the
13 United States.

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

15 HUNTER BIDEN: She will be like a pimple on my
16 ass in terms of the way in which people will
17 fucking be on this. And you have no clue. I am
18 Daphne Guinness already.

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

20 HUNTER BIDEN: I'm more than Daphne Guinness.
21 No one gives a shit about what you think about
22 Daphne Guinness, honey, except the Tatler. I was
23 on the front page of every newspaper including the
24 fucking -- I mean, the Wall Street Journal, the New
25 York Times, not just the Tatler.

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

2 HUNTER BIDEN: And so my point is --

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: Right.

4 HUNTER BIDEN: -- is that I believe that's an
5 opportunity to say the things and just show the
6 things and to reveal the things through this
7 project that we want to reveal.

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

9 HUNTER BIDEN: Because it -- it literally
10 gives it -- because you will have attention.

11 I think that the most important thing, if you
12 are me, is to use your attention with intention.
13 You will not get across to everybody, and I have
14 figured out a long time ago, if you're going to be
15 involved in politics the way that I am, which is
16 to -- to choose to engage with my father in that
17 life --

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

19 HUNTER BIDEN: -- because I believe in what he
20 does.

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

22 HUNTER BIDEN: If you're going to, then you --
23 one of your obligations is to use that platform
24 with intent.

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

1 HUNTER BIDEN: It's to not allow the platform
2 to sit on top of you.

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

4 HUNTER BIDEN: I'm allowing the platform to
5 sit on top of me right now.

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: Well, what happens is if he,
7 you know, your dad becomes president, for instance,
8 or if he runs --

9 HUNTER BIDEN: Uh-huh.

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- it's a very -- if -- if --
11 I don't know if it will be exposed to -- to that
12 degree, but if it does --

13 HUNTER BIDEN: Wonderful.

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- if it does, then it's a
15 possibility for your dad to talk about drug reform
16 and to talk about -- and to push things --

17 HUNTER BIDEN: He's going to talk about drug
18 reform and any other things that I want him to.

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

20 HUNTER BIDEN: He'll talk about anything that
21 I want him to with -- that he believes in. If I
22 say it's important to me --

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

24 HUNTER BIDEN: -- then he will work a way in
25 which to make it a part of his -- of his platform.

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

2 HUNTER BIDEN: My dad respects me more than he
3 respects anyone in the world, and I know that to be
4 certain.

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

6 HUNTER BIDEN: So it is not going to be about
7 whether my dad thinks it's going to affect his
8 politics. It -- no, it won't. It's not going to
9 be whether or not he's going to be embarrassed of
10 me. He never will.

11 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

12 HUNTER BIDEN: It's not going to -- I'm -- all
13 of those concerns that you have with all of the
14 people that you know --

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

16 HUNTER BIDEN: -- that are in the -- that are
17 the children of --

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

19 HUNTER BIDEN: -- I have none of them.

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

21 HUNTER BIDEN: Not a single one.

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

23 HUNTER BIDEN: The only one that I have is
24 the -- is -- is the knowledge --

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

1 HUNTER BIDEN: -- that it's a different world,
2 not by choice.

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

4 HUNTER BIDEN: But I am understanding of that
5 because the person that has lived that life, that
6 has given me this life --

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

8 HUNTER BIDEN: -- is the person I most admire
9 in the world and I would never change it.

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

11 HUNTER BIDEN: Because it's bigger than me.

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

13 HUNTER BIDEN: Everyone else thinks it --
14 talks about how -- how can you be as good as your
15 dad? I'm better than my dad.

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

17 HUNTER BIDEN: You know why I'm better than my
18 dad? Because my dad tells me I'm better than him.

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

20 HUNTER BIDEN: Since I was two years old.

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

22 HUNTER BIDEN: So all of those fears that you
23 think that I have of people not liking me or that I
24 don't love myself and first I have to go down and
25 I -- you have to really care about yourself and

1 understand and put yourself out there.

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

3 HUNTER BIDEN: Baby, have you seen me?

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

5 HUNTER BIDEN: Do I not put myself out there?

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh. Yeah. Yeah, you do.

7 HUNTER BIDEN: I'm in all of it --

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

9 HUNTER BIDEN: -- I put out there --

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

11 HUNTER BIDEN: -- to you or to the homeless
12 person.

13 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

14 HUNTER BIDEN: I don't fear that. You know
15 why I don't fear that?

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: Huh?

17 HUNTER BIDEN: Because the man -- the man I
18 most admire in the world, that god to me --

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

20 HUNTER BIDEN: -- thinks I'm a god.

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

22 HUNTER BIDEN: And my brother did, too.

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

24 HUNTER BIDEN: And the three of us, it was
25 literally, I had the support to know I can do

1 anything.

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: What does he say about you
3 doing crack? Does he try and --

4 HUNTER BIDEN: He says fucking stop.

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah. And what --

6 HUNTER BIDEN: He's scared to death.

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: And what do you say -- I
8 mean, how does that affect you when -- when he says
9 that?

10 HUNTER BIDEN: The same way that it would
11 affect you if the person that you love most in the
12 world wanted you to stop. And the realization that
13 stopping, even for the person you love most in the
14 world, is such a hard thing because it is a --

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

16 HUNTER BIDEN: -- is literally -- look, it's
17 not about whether or not I want to, --

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

19 HUNTER BIDEN: -- it's about whether I really
20 want to.

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

22 HUNTER BIDEN: But what's really want to and
23 what's want to? And what is whether to make the
24 choice or not a choice and I don't know. This
25 is --

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: My friend --

2 HUNTER BIDEN: -- a habit.

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: My friend in --

4 HUNTER BIDEN: Right now, I know that I can --

5 I don't want to stop now. But you never know --

6 you never want to stop.

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: But that's the thing, it's

8 like, there's -- you can always go tomorrow but

9 tomorrow is always tomorrow. You know? Tomorrow

10 is always tomorrow, right?

11 HUNTER BIDEN: Phillipa --

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: Why don't you do it now?

13 HUNTER BIDEN: -- for real. It's -- when you

14 say things like that, I get it.

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

16 HUNTER BIDEN: But you're not an addict and so

17 you have no idea that that is literally, like,

18 fucking you telling me that you know the sky is

19 blue --

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: Right.

21 HUNTER BIDEN: -- but you don't seem to

22 realize it. I realize it. I know now is now.

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

24 HUNTER BIDEN: I know I have to do it. And

25 I'm saying to you, is that I don't know if I want

1 to do it tomorrow, I don't want -- know if I do it
2 now, I don't know --

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: Because you don't want to
4 stop.

5 HUNTER BIDEN: Because it's fear.

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: Because -- yeah.

7 HUNTER BIDEN: Pure fear.

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: Because what happens if you
9 stop? Then you have --

10 HUNTER BIDEN: Fear.

11 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- no excuses.

12 HUNTER BIDEN: Oh, yeah, I have a million
13 excuses. You know I have a million excuses.
14 Everybody has excuses. I don't have to use drugs
15 as an excuse. You act as if drug addicts are the
16 only one who come up with this idea that they're
17 afraid because if they don't continue to use drugs
18 they're not going to have excuses. What a bunch of
19 bullshit.

20 People know that they get in the car in the
21 morning and if they don't go to the gym, they're
22 going to end up dying of obesity, but they don't
23 go. Why? Because they're afraid? They're afraid
24 that they're going to be thin and they're going to
25 be healthy and be -- going to be able to engage in

1 life more? I mean, I don't have any excuses not do
2 that?

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: Well, it's a mixture of
4 things, isn't it.

5 HUNTER BIDEN: But it's just --

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: It's habit.

7 HUNTER BIDEN: -- the same.

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: It's habit, as well. It's
9 habit.

10 HUNTER BIDEN: And habit is the biggest thing
11 that's happening here. The fact of the matter is,
12 is that I have not had the fucking reason to break
13 the ease of the habit I'm in.

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

15 HUNTER BIDEN: And the reason is, is because I
16 don't -- like, what? I -- nothing has captured my
17 imagination until now.

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

19 HUNTER BIDEN: And this.

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

21 HUNTER BIDEN: And that's why I have to start
22 to do it.

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

24 HUNTER BIDEN: Because what I'm realizing now
25 is this: Is that my choice to do this, the drug,

1 is -- brought me to an understanding and allowed me
2 to break from everything in the past.

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

4 HUNTER BIDEN: Have you ever thought about
5 this: Maybe this is the greatest thing that
6 fucking ever happened to me. Maybe this is
7 literally the continuation and the continuum of
8 what is going to be the thing that makes me the
9 person that my father believes I am. Believe -- my
10 father believes I am.

11 Everybody says the -- the -- the person my
12 father thinks I will never become. For me, the
13 person I know --

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: But at what point does that
15 happen? Like, are you always constantly looking --

16 HUNTER BIDEN: Well --

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- for this --

18 HUNTER BIDEN: -- isn't that the --

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- epiph --

20 HUNTER BIDEN: -- isn't that the line?

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: But are you looking for this
22 epiphany --

23 HUNTER BIDEN: No, it's not.

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- in the --

25 HUNTER BIDEN: I've had the epiphany.

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- crack pipe?

2 HUNTER BIDEN: I've had the epiphany.

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

4 HUNTER BIDEN: No, I've had the epiphany.

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

6 HUNTER BIDEN: I know now.

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

8 HUNTER BIDEN: But, you know, you can have an
9 epiphany and still be weighted down by the anchors
10 that have -- that have created you. And you got to
11 cut all those anchors.

12 What are they? They're relationships.
13 They're your everyday life.

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

15 HUNTER BIDEN: They're deciding to get out of
16 the habit of going to the office every fucking --

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: And you're like --

18 HUNTER BIDEN: -- morning.

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- oh, there's a girl over
20 there, she's like really neat and she's really --
21 not really neat. She's like kind of isolated.
22 She's always got issues, she's always got problems.
23 Like, I'm over there. That's what I need to be
24 doing right now, instead of focusing on this thing
25 here, I need to be over there with this girl who's

1 like making up stories while there's another thing
2 and another issue, and another thing. You know?

3 HUNTER BIDEN: Do you think that's what I
4 focus on?

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: No, but it's very easy to be
6 distracted by problem, troubled people.

7 HUNTER BIDEN: And, you know what? I'm
8 breaking all of it. I've even driven them away.

9 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

10 HUNTER BIDEN: This has even driven them away.
11 They can't be around it.

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh. But why --

13 HUNTER BIDEN: The homeless --

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- why does it --

15 HUNTER BIDEN: -- people can't be around it.

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- need to be -- why does it
17 need to be to that extent?

18 HUNTER BIDEN: Because I --

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: Why didn't --

20 HUNTER BIDEN: -- know this --

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: Why didn't you make the
22 decision? Why do you let --

23 HUNTER BIDEN: Look at me.

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- other people take --

25 HUNTER BIDEN: Because I -- I'm not as --

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- control over you?

2 HUNTER BIDEN: -- because you know what? I'm
3 not a heartless fuck like you are. No really.

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: I'm not heartless.

5 HUNTER BIDEN: I'm not a heartless fuck like
6 99 percent of the people --

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: I'm not heartless.

8 HUNTER BIDEN: -- that lives their lives --
9 no, listen to me.

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: I'm not heartless. I know --

11 HUNTER BIDEN: I can't live with somebody --

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- that if I don't --

13 HUNTER BIDEN: Stop defending yourself and let
14 me say it. I'm going to give you my answer and
15 then you can say.

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: Okay.

17 HUNTER BIDEN: The reason is, is because you
18 are not as empathetic as I am. You do not have as
19 much feeling for other people as I do. You don't
20 care as much. You do not go out in the day and
21 think about robbing the homeless person. You let
22 it go and that may be you think the healthier way
23 to live.

24 I'm saying that I'm a fucking higher
25 individual fucking, Phillipa. And that I literally

1 cannot go through the day without fucking figuring
2 that out.

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

4 HUNTER BIDEN: And so I figure out that that
5 person's a fucking fraud. The reason I engage with
6 them is not because they're a fraud or I have my
7 penis, okay?

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

9 HUNTER BIDEN: Many times it's my penis.

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

11 HUNTER BIDEN: But here's the thing: I've had
12 to break from it all.

13 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

14 HUNTER BIDEN: I have to literally have gone
15 through the crucible of realizing that -- that
16 worrying about Robin everyday --

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

18 HUNTER BIDEN: -- is to be eaten alive by
19 Robin's need.

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

21 HUNTER BIDEN: I had to do that though or
22 otherwise my heart breaks every day that I'm not
23 doing it.

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

25 HUNTER BIDEN: I had to break from my wife, I

1 had to break from my children, otherwise I will
2 live my life for my children, and my wife, and my
3 father, and my brother, and my mother, and my -- my
4 sister-in-law, and my niece and nephew.

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

6 HUNTER BIDEN: And I've done that my whole
7 life.

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

9 HUNTER BIDEN: I've had to break every tie --

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

11 HUNTER BIDEN: -- not to be consumed by other
12 people's problems, but literally, I've had to break
13 every tie so that I am not consumed by everybody's
14 problems.

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

16 HUNTER BIDEN: Because that's been my whole
17 life.

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

19 HUNTER BIDEN: I have never lived my life for
20 me.

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

22 HUNTER BIDEN: You think this is living my
23 life for me?

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: No, it's really not.

25 HUNTER BIDEN: This is living my life to

1 literally -- here's the thing --

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

3 HUNTER BIDEN: -- maybe --

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

5 HUNTER BIDEN: -- and this is where I get to
6 choose my perception. Maybe I cannot be -- feel
7 guilty and like a fucking selfish, fucking, prick
8 of a human being that's chosen crack and fucking
9 motels over my children --

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

11 HUNTER BIDEN: -- if I believe that the person
12 that I am and have been before, during, and
13 possibly after --

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

15 HUNTER BIDEN: -- is an incredibly good
16 person --

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: Can I ask you something?

18 The people -- these people that you have --

19 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah.

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- are they always -- like,
21 do they -- are they either people you do drugs with
22 or people you have sex --

23 HUNTER BIDEN: Never.

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- with?

25 Is there always --

1 HUNTER BIDEN: Never.

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- that in --

3 HUNTER BIDEN: I've never touched Robin. I

4 don't do drugs with the girl --

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: But you've done --

6 HUNTER BIDEN: -- that I'm --

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: But it's either one or the

8 other, no?

9 HUNTER BIDEN: No.

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: No.

11 HUNTER BIDEN: A hundred percent no.

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: No.

13 HUNTER BIDEN: Absolutely. Um --

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: But do you work in homeless
15 shelters and stuff like that? Do you help --

16 HUNTER BIDEN: I have homeless people live
17 with me --

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

19 HUNTER BIDEN: -- Phillipa.

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: But you do drugs with them,
21 also.

22 HUNTER BIDEN: No, I don't.

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: And Robin?

24 HUNTER BIDEN: No. I did drugs with Robin,
25 but that's it. I've had other people fucking live

1 with me. I've had other people -- homeless people
2 who are just plain out crazy.

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: I'm not -- I don't -- I'm
4 not -- I'm asking a question --

5 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah.

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- I don't know the answer.

7 HUNTER BIDEN: Jo -- Joanna.

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

9 HUNTER BIDEN: Joanna doesn't do drugs, she
10 doesn't drink.

11 PHILLIPA HORAN: But you give her money.

12 HUNTER BIDEN: No, I don't give her money.

13 PHILLIPA HORAN: I thought you gave her 300
14 pounds.

15 HUNTER BIDEN: Who?

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: Joanna. No?

17 HUNTER BIDEN: What do you mean?

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: Why'd you give her money the
19 other day?

20 HUNTER BIDEN: I gave her money to be able to
21 make it back to her house from the airport.

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: Oh. Oh, okay. Okay. Right.

23 HUNTER BIDEN: But what does it matter?

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: Okay. No, no, no. I'm
25 just --

1 HUNTER BIDEN: No, I'm saying though, you said
2 though, they're people that I do drugs with or have
3 sex with.

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: Right. But --

5 HUNTER BIDEN: I don't have drugs or sex with
6 Joanna.

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: You've never had sex with
8 her?

9 HUNTER BIDEN: No.

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: Okay. Okay. Okay. But
11 she's tried to have -- tries to have sex with you?

12 HUNTER BIDEN: Never.

13 PHILLIPA HORAN: No?

14 HUNTER BIDEN: She's so disinterested in me.

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: Okay.

16 HUNTER BIDEN: She -- okay. You want to know
17 Joanna's story?

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

19 HUNTER BIDEN: And don't ever write this.

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: No.

21 HUNTER BIDEN: Joanna's story is that she was
22 fucking abused and fucking sexually molested since
23 the time she was four years old.

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

25 HUNTER BIDEN: She lived in her house with her

1 mother, who she still lives with now --

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

3 HUNTER BIDEN: -- and a father --

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

5 HUNTER BIDEN: -- and four brothers.

6 They traded her, they -- every day for her
7 life until her father died when she was 16 years
8 old, of which she has an infinity, a -- a -- a
9 tattoo on her -- on her -- on her upper arm --

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

11 HUNTER BIDEN: -- on her chest for.

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

13 HUNTER BIDEN: And then her mother, when she
14 graduated from high school, the day of graduation,
15 kicks her out of the house because she said
16 something about it to her mother.

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm. Hmm. Hmm.

18 HUNTER BIDEN: She lives by herself and
19 literally from couch to couch --

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

21 HUNTER BIDEN: -- for three years with her
22 sisters who are all prostitutes and -- and -- and
23 dancers and make their money off taking advantage
24 of men --

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

1 HUNTER BIDEN: -- understandably so.

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

3 HUNTER BIDEN: And I stayed away from it and
4 just literally, literally fought to not --

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: But if --

6 HUNTER BIDEN: -- do that.

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- but if her -- by her -- by
8 her spending time with you, and then you giving her
9 money, isn't that swap --

10 HUNTER BIDEN: Honey --

11 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- swapping her time for
12 money with a man?

13 HUNTER BIDEN: Her time for money?

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

15 HUNTER BIDEN: She has no job.

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

17 HUNTER BIDEN: She drives her sister around
18 and literally lives on a couch in her mother's
19 house.

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: Right.

21 But if you -- if you wanted to help her,
22 wouldn't it be better to set her up in school?

23 HUNTER BIDEN: I did.

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: You did. And what happened?

25 HUNTER BIDEN: I do that every time.

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: And what happened?

2 HUNTER BIDEN: And what happens? I literally
3 introduced her to 14 people, she'll probably go to
4 school.

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

6 HUNTER BIDEN: She'll have a project that
7 she's doing, an art project that she's doing with a
8 woman in New York that I introduced her to.

9 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah. Great.

10 HUNTER BIDEN: She is -- I -- I introduced her
11 to an agent for modeling, like a real person.

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

13 HUNTER BIDEN: I never touch her.

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

15 HUNTER BIDEN: I never ask to touch her.

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

17 HUNTER BIDEN: I always tell her that she's
18 the most beautiful girl in the world and that
19 she --

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

21 HUNTER BIDEN: -- can do anything that she
22 wants and that she's smart. And that I -- she
23 lit -- she went from being able to fucking sit here
24 and I thought not have a conversation, to fucking
25 sitting here and reading the books that I brought

1 home.

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm. Uh-huh.

3 HUNTER BIDEN: And ask -- talking to me all
4 day as I drive around and she drives me fucking
5 crazy because she hates to be left alone because
6 she watched ghost shows on T.V. and gets scared to
7 death.

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm. Hmm.

9 HUNTER BIDEN: You don't know me.

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: No, no. I'm asking --

11 HUNTER BIDEN: No, I mean it, Phillipa, you
12 don't and so you --

13 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- I'm not --

14 HUNTER BIDEN: -- make assumptions, --

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- I'm not --

16 HUNTER BIDEN: -- Phillipa.

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- making statements, I'm --

18 HUNTER BIDEN: I'm not getting mad --

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- asking questions.

20 HUNTER BIDEN: -- at you. I'm getting mad at
21 everybody.

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: Oh.

23 HUNTER BIDEN: Phillipa, I mean it.

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

25 HUNTER BIDEN: And you think that I'm being so

1 overly, like -- like, this is like dramatic. I'm
2 better than anybody you know.

3 You have the exact opposite fucking
4 impression. You think I'm a good person trapped by
5 my fucking disease. You think I put myself in
6 situations where --

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: How do you know what I think?

8 HUNTER BIDEN: Because you say it every time.

9 PHILLIPA HORAN: Um...

10 HUNTER BIDEN: Is there anybody that you help
11 that you don't do drugs with, or have sex with?
12 Isn't that saying something to me?

13 PHILLIPA HORAN: I said is -- that was a
14 question.

15 HUNTER BIDEN: And I'm telling you.
16 Everybody.

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: Well, that's not true, is it?

18 HUNTER BIDEN: Honey, is it -- obviously I
19 help the people that I do drugs with --

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

21 HUNTER BIDEN: -- because I don't discriminate
22 against them because I do drugs with them.

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

24 HUNTER BIDEN: Obviously, I would help the
25 person I made love to because I don't sleep with

1 people I don't like.

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

3 HUNTER BIDEN: Who have I slept with?

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: I have no idea who you've
5 slept with.

6 HUNTER BIDEN: I know.

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: I --

8 HUNTER BIDEN: But you assume --

9 PHILLIPA HORAN: And --

10 HUNTER BIDEN: -- by -- by the way --

11 PHILLIPA HORAN: No, I didn't.

12 HUNTER BIDEN: But you assume all the time --

13 PHILLIPA HORAN: No, I didn't.

14 HUNTER BIDEN: -- that all of these women
15 that --

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: I don't know --

17 HUNTER BIDEN: -- are in my life --

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: I don't know --

19 HUNTER BIDEN: You say it all the time,
20 Phillipa.

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: I don't know who all these
22 women are in your life.

23 HUNTER BIDEN: You say it all the time,
24 Phillipa.

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: But you talk to me and you

1 say, oh, there's this girl and --

2 HUNTER BIDEN: Phillipa.

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- there's this girl --

4 HUNTER BIDEN: Phillipa, there is not -- name
5 one.

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: Um, well, --

7 HUNTER BIDEN: Name one other than Zoe.

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: This -- this girl who you go
9 and you left her keys in your car. Yeah. I mean,
10 who's she, like, what is that? Like -- I just want
11 to --

12 HUNTER BIDEN: I -- I -- I want to slam this
13 down your throat --

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

15 HUNTER BIDEN: -- so bad --

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah. She's Zoe's friend.

17 HUNTER BIDEN: -- (indiscernible). [TIMESTAMP
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19 PHILLIPA HORAN: I know. I know. But it's
20 like bad -- but I -- I just -- I don't know.
21 Anyway. But that's another story because she
22 was --

23 HUNTER BIDEN: Really?

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

25 But why is -- why is Zoe putting you in a

1 position where she's setting you up with somebody
2 who's trying to scam you out of money?

3 HUNTER BIDEN: No one's trying to scam me out
4 of money, Phillipa.

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: But this woman who left the
6 keys in your car.

7 HUNTER BIDEN: Is it a scam?

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: You said it was.

9 HUNTER BIDEN: Not a scam in any way.

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: No?

11 HUNTER BIDEN: What are you talking about?

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: Oh.

13 HUNTER BIDEN: She is a 24-year-old woman --

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

15 HUNTER BIDEN: -- who's lived with her
16 parents, and she's literally gets kicked out of her
17 house, she has an alcohol problem, she wants to get
18 into a program, she has nobody to get to her, her
19 parents don't want her to leave the house, which --

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: Right.

21 HUNTER BIDEN: -- is stupid.

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

23 HUNTER BIDEN: Or leave Providence where she
24 is --

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

1 HUNTER BIDEN: -- or Newton. She's never
2 going to get a chance to get sober. And she needed
3 help to be able to figure out where to go --

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

5 HUNTER BIDEN: -- how to get -- how to do it,
6 and -- and ultimately how to pay for it. And
7 that's what she's doing.

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

9 HUNTER BIDEN: And I helped.

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: Okay. Okay.

11 HUNTER BIDEN: And --

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: Sorry. That wasn't --

13 HUNTER BIDEN: And no, but --

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- (indiscernible).

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16 HUNTER BIDEN: -- Zoe -- but Zoe knows that I
17 would help do that.

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh. Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

19 HUNTER BIDEN: So she puts me in a position to
20 help.

21 Now, the thing that pisses me off, and I never
22 should have even said anything to you, is that the
23 motherfucker, as I do all that --

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

25 HUNTER BIDEN: -- she leaves her keys in

1 the -- in my car --

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

3 HUNTER BIDEN: -- and she has a car to come
4 pick them up, but she expects me to go to her;
5 because people that are in that position, I have to
6 remember --

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

8 HUNTER BIDEN: -- are ultimately, at -- until
9 they get better, are the most selfish people in the
10 world.

11 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

12 HUNTER BIDEN: And I should not be surprised
13 at the way in which they treat me.

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

15 HUNTER BIDEN: They take advantage. They take
16 advantage of someone who, without any expectation
17 whatsoever of anything in return.

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

19 HUNTER BIDEN: I do expect though, sometimes
20 and get hurt by the lack of fucking respect.

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh. Me too. I do as
22 well --

23 HUNTER BIDEN: So --

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- you know. And I --

25 HUNTER BIDEN: -- my point is --

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- I have to --

2 HUNTER BIDEN: -- your --

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- remember --

4 HUNTER BIDEN: -- your assumption is, and this
5 is what --

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

7 HUNTER BIDEN: -- I worry about the project,
8 Phillipa --

9 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah. Yeah.

10 HUNTER BIDEN: -- your assumption, even in
11 that, is that there is some type of quid pro quo
12 that I have with these people that I help.

13 PHILLIPA HORAN: It was a question. It was a
14 que -- I -- I asked you a question.

15 HUNTER BIDEN: I know, it was a question.

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: It wasn't a -- I -- I'm
17 not --

18 HUNTER BIDEN: But I thought --

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- I'm not --

20 HUNTER BIDEN: -- by now --

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- I don't have judgments on
22 you at all. I'm --

23 HUNTER BIDEN: But you do have a --

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- trying to understand --

25 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah.

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- to get a full --

2 HUNTER BIDEN: I know, Phillipa. I'm not --

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- portrait to -- to
4 understand because I don't know. I don't know you.
5 That's the thing. I don't -- I haven't spent weeks
6 and weeks and weeks with you. I'm trying to
7 understand and I'm trying to learn so I will ask
8 questions. And maybe they're questions that you
9 find difficult, but I'm asking because --

10 HUNTER BIDEN: I don't find them at all
11 difficult.

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- they're questions --

13 HUNTER BIDEN: I don't -- you know what I'm
14 amazed by?

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: But don't -- but don't think
16 that I'm -- that -- that I'm saying those things
17 because --

18 HUNTER BIDEN: Can I --

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- that's what I think.

20 HUNTER BIDEN: -- playback --

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

22 HUNTER BIDEN: -- the -- if we do this --

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

24 HUNTER BIDEN: -- is a -- like when we do
25 it -- the tone of your voice, when you say, well

1 tell me about the -- like what about this girl?

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: Do you want me to record
3 this?

4 HUNTER BIDEN: No, I'm recording it. I --
5 right here.

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: Oh, you are?

7 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah. Is that bad? I
8 thought --

9 PHILLIPA HORAN: No, no, no --

10 HUNTER BIDEN: I -- I just want to make sure
11 we're recording.

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- totally fine.

13 HUNTER BIDEN: Is it -- we -- the -- is it
14 the -- the tone with which you said that, is
15 what -- yeah. Well, Hunter, like for instance,
16 it's like tell us, like, what about this girl, like
17 what -- like --

18 It wasn't like --

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: No.

20 HUNTER BIDEN: -- well, Hunter, I think that
21 some people --

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: I have to watch --

23 HUNTER BIDEN: -- would assume --

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- that one.

25 HUNTER BIDEN: -- because you're making

1 assumptions, and it's not a judgment, but you're
2 making assumptions about what's happening. Not
3 judging it, but you're assuming that's the what's
4 happening.

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: I suppose because I met
6 you --

7 HUNTER BIDEN: It's supposed to be that I'm
8 different than anybody you've ever met.

9 PHILLIPA HORAN: No. I suppose because I met
10 you with somebody who makes money off men using
11 their --

12 HUNTER BIDEN: I did not --

13 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- their body.

14 HUNTER BIDEN: -- realize that.

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: I -- I -- I met you through
16 Zoe who makes money from men. And that's -- I
17 didn't meet you through a friend who makes her own
18 money on her own, like doing something that she's,
19 you know, through her education. She uses her
20 body -- she uses her body to get money off men;
21 that's how she makes a living. And that's --

22 HUNTER BIDEN: Phillipa --

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: Right? I have no --

24 HUNTER BIDEN: I understand.

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- judgment, --

1 HUNTER BIDEN: I can --

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- you know.

3 HUNTER BIDEN: I understand. And so --

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: But --

5 HUNTER BIDEN: -- I -- I've had this

6 discussion with you --

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: But --

8 HUNTER BIDEN: -- many times now.

9 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- you -- but you have to
10 understand the context of -- you know. And then
11 when you say, oh, this girl, and there was this
12 girl, and there was this girl --

13 HUNTER BIDEN: Who? What girl -- girl am I
14 talking about? I don't know what you're talking
15 about.

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: Was it -- there was some
17 other girl that Zoe introduced -- that you met --
18 you met Zoe through who was -- you met her, she's a
19 sun -- suntanning woman?

20 HUNTER BIDEN: Alesandra. What about her?

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah. Yeah. I --

22 HUNTER BIDEN: She introduced me to Zoe.

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: Right.

24 HUNTER BIDEN: What about her?

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah. Yeah. But she was --

1 she was being mean to Zoe about her --

2 HUNTER BIDEN: Oh, she was horrible to Zoe.

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: She was horrible to Zoe.

4 HUNTER BIDEN: What does that have --

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: But why?

6 HUNTER BIDEN: -- to do with me?

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: Well -- but that's the thing.

8 It's like why would -- why would --

9 HUNTER BIDEN: Because she's in love with me.

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: Right. Okay.

11 HUNTER BIDEN: She says it's because that Zoe
12 stole her -- her -- like her, like, stream of
13 dollars. I don't fucking support Alesandra.

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: Right.

15 HUNTER BIDEN: That's Alesandra's way of
16 saving face.

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

18 HUNTER BIDEN: But Alesandra's in love with
19 me, that's why.

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm. Okay.

21 HUNTER BIDEN: She left her fucking husband
22 who was abusive to her, who I -- only way I helped
23 Alesandra was doing that.

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

25 HUNTER BIDEN: I got her a lawyer.

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

2 HUNTER BIDEN: I got her into a program.

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

4 HUNTER BIDEN: I got her -- I -- I -- her
5 daughter a -- some counseling sessions.

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

7 HUNTER BIDEN: That's what I did.

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: That's good.

9 HUNTER BIDEN: Nobody knows that.

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah. And that's good.

11 HUNTER BIDEN: I don't tell Zoe that.

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah. Okay.

13 HUNTER BIDEN: But when she finds out that Zoe
14 lied to her --

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

16 HUNTER BIDEN: -- and did not tell her --

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

18 HUNTER BIDEN: -- that -- which I assume was
19 the case because I didn't think anyone was in love
20 with me, including Zoe. I don't give a shit.

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

22 HUNTER BIDEN: I care about people, but I
23 don't care about people -- like --

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

25 HUNTER BIDEN: -- I'm learning this, is that

1 what I always know, but the only way to continue to
2 be able to do what I do is to take the risk --

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

4 HUNTER BIDEN: -- that people aren't totally
5 about taking advantage of me. You have to allow
6 yourself the possibility of that before you can
7 help anybody.

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: You have to set boundaries
9 because you do get taken advant -- I am speaking
10 from experience in that I don't set boundaries
11 often and then I get taken advantage of and it
12 makes me feel terrible. I feel terrible when that
13 happens. Terrible.

14 HUNTER BIDEN: What -- what kind of instances
15 are you talking --

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: Well, I have a big place in
17 London, and I have people staying there often.

18 HUNTER BIDEN: Yep.

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: Sometimes I have Airbnb-ers
20 staying there.

21 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah.

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: Sometimes I have friends
23 staying there. You know?

24 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah.

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: And I -- I'm not often --

1 often, you know, I would say 90 percent of the time
2 it's a dream, but 10 percent of the time it --

3 HUNTER BIDEN: What does having an Airbnb have
4 to do with doing anybody's -- for anybody except
5 yourself, and then not being taken advantage of,
6 it's just you're having a bad --

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: No, and then --

8 HUNTER BIDEN: -- a bad --

9 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- they'll say, oh, can I
10 stay for an extra couple of days because I don't
11 have any money.

12 HUNTER BIDEN: Who cares?

13 PHILLIPA HORAN: And I let them stay --

14 HUNTER BIDEN: You let --

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- for a --

16 HUNTER BIDEN: -- them.

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- couple of days. But then
18 they try -- and then they're rude to me afterwards
19 and they're like shirty with me. And it's like why
20 am I --

21 HUNTER BIDEN: Because you did them a favor.

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: Because I did them a favor.

23 And it's like why am I --

24 HUNTER BIDEN: What's the Winston Churchill
25 quote? Everybody knows this.

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: What is it?

2 HUNTER BIDEN: I don't know why so-and-so
3 hates me so much, I never did them a favor.

4 You do somebody a favor, I promise you, you're
5 going to engender absolute resentment.

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah, what is that?

7 HUNTER BIDEN: It's the fact that you've done
8 something for them that they couldn't do for
9 themselves and they can never repay you for it.

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: Terrible.

11 HUNTER BIDEN: They can never repay you for
12 what they can't give.

13 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

14 HUNTER BIDEN: And that's why it's always
15 dangerous to do someone a favor. And you are very
16 sensitive to the idea that you care that they then
17 shit on you afterwards.

18 So why did you do them a favor? Did you do it
19 so that they wouldn't shit on you?

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: Because they --

21 HUNTER BIDEN: So that they would be nice to
22 you?

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- asked me. They -- they
24 said they were in need and they needed help --

25 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah. So --

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- so I helped them.

2 HUNTER BIDEN: So if they're assholes to you,
3 what does it matter? You helped because you
4 helped.

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

6 HUNTER BIDEN: Do you help only from people
7 that aren't assholes?

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: Because it makes me feel bad
9 when somebody's rude, like mean to me, and they say
10 things like --

11 HUNTER BIDEN: Exactly. Because --

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- you are a little
13 impotent --

14 HUNTER BIDEN: -- you did it to --

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- woman. They said, you're
16 a little impotent woman.

17 HUNTER BIDEN: But you did it to feel good,
18 right? You did it to feel good about yourself.

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: No.

20 HUNTER BIDEN: You did --

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: It --

22 HUNTER BIDEN: -- someone a favor.

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: It didn't make me feel
24 self-righteous or that I was --

25 HUNTER BIDEN: No, not self-righteous but

1 don't you feel the best about yourself when you do
2 good things for people? Not yourself, but when you
3 do good things for other people?

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: No, it -- I don't -- it
5 doesn't make me feel good, I just -- it's just
6 because I can. I do it because I can and it's
7 not -- no skin off my nose, you know?

8 Do I feel good about it?

9 HUNTER BIDEN: If the only reason we did
10 things is just because we can, without any, like,
11 motivation --

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

13 HUNTER BIDEN: -- or any fear --

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

15 HUNTER BIDEN: -- then -- then you know what?
16 Then I'd be robbing banks, wouldn't I? Because I
17 can. I'd be stealing money from people, because I
18 can.

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: I mean, have -- having
20 someone crash in my spare room for a few nights or
21 a few weeks, even as it's been, it's like not a big
22 deal.

23 HUNTER BIDEN: But you can and you know
24 you're --

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: And then --

1 HUNTER BIDEN: -- doing something --

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- when they dis -- when
3 they're like --

4 HUNTER BIDEN: You refused it, I mean, like, I
5 understand --

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: When they're, like, making
7 extra work for me, when I'm, like, washing up after
8 them and when they're, you know, rude to me, and
9 when I -- I feel dissed by them and it's not very
10 nice. You know?

11 It doesn't make me feel good that I let them
12 stay in my house.

13 HUNTER BIDEN: It doesn't?

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: No. It's an easy thing for
15 me to do.

16 HUNTER BIDEN: So, but then kick them out if
17 it's an easy thing for you to do. If it is --
18 causes more pain than help, then why do you even
19 remotely --

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: Well, this is --

21 HUNTER BIDEN: -- do it because you can?

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- where I -- this is where I
23 am at now.

24 HUNTER BIDEN: So why do you do it?

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: Now -- why did I do it in the

1 first place?

2 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah.

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: Because I travel and I know
4 what it's like to, like, you know -- and I'm --

5 HUNTER BIDEN: You do it --

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- you know, people --

7 HUNTER BIDEN: -- because you know --

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- people --

9 HUNTER BIDEN: -- it's a good thing to do.

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah, it's a good thing to
11 do. People have helped me --

12 HUNTER BIDEN: And don't --

13 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- when I needed help.

14 HUNTER BIDEN: -- isn't it when you do good
15 things that you feel best about yourself? When you
16 do admirable things, giving things? Isn't it --
17 don't you feel best about yourself when you're
18 doing your art, because you know that your art is a
19 contribution; and the contribution that you make is
20 the thing that makes you feel best about it, is
21 that you're doing your highest work?

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: I don't know. I don't know
23 how I feel good about myself. I think this is a
24 problem.

25 HUNTER BIDEN: Really?

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: Maybe, yeah. I mean, I feel
2 good about myself when I get up, when I exercise
3 and I work, you know, and then I kind of --

4 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah --

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- you know.

6 HUNTER BIDEN: -- because you're giving.

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: But I don't feel -- it
8 doesn't -- you know, if I look after my friend's
9 kid or if I help them out, if I do them a favor, it
10 doesn't make me feel good.

11 HUNTER BIDEN: Really?

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: No.

13 HUNTER BIDEN: Well, that's crazy. You know
14 why?

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: Why?

16 HUNTER BIDEN: Because you never get in return
17 what you think that you're supposed to get, because
18 you -- because what you're doing is, since you are
19 a child then, I can tell you, as your
20 psychiatrist, --

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

22 HUNTER BIDEN: -- this --

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

24 HUNTER BIDEN: -- is that you never get
25 back -- you -- you think that you never get back

1 what you give --

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

3 HUNTER BIDEN: -- and so therefore, when you
4 do a good thing, it is -- it's -- it's -- it's
5 bland to you.

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

7 HUNTER BIDEN: So soon enough in your life --

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

9 HUNTER BIDEN: -- you're going to choose what
10 your mother chose, is not to engage at all except
11 in the internal world of your art. And you're not
12 going to care what people think, and you're going
13 to say it's because I have a tough fucking skin and
14 I'm a real true artist, I'm going to do what I want
15 to do.

16 But, Phillipa, if we're not living to be of
17 aid in -- to other people through presenting our
18 highest self --

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

20 HUNTER BIDEN: -- then what the fuck are we
21 here for --

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: But I think I --

23 HUNTER BIDEN: -- except to do it because we
24 can?

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: All I can do is be a good --

1 I can be a good daughter, I might can be a good
2 friend.

3 HUNTER BIDEN: Isn't it fucking great to
4 feel --

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: But that --

6 HUNTER BIDEN: -- better when you're a good
7 daughter --

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: But that --

9 HUNTER BIDEN: -- and a good friend, than --

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- like going to -- going to
11 my uncle's house, my uncle, who's an alcoholic and
12 can't look after himself, I painted his entire
13 house. I repainted the walls and the ceiling --

14 HUNTER BIDEN: Because you could.

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- of his entire house
16 because I --

17 HUNTER BIDEN: You did it --

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- could.

19 HUNTER BIDEN: -- because you love him.

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: Because I could. I mean --

21 HUNTER BIDEN: No, not because you could.
22 Because you have a -- an emotional feeling. You're
23 not going into people's houses right now from --
24 because you can, and painting for them.

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: Do I love him? Do I love

1 him? Like, I -- he's my --

2 HUNTER BIDEN: You know your father had, some
3 at point, had love for him -- or your mother did.

4 Whoever's un -- whoever's brother --

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: My --

6 HUNTER BIDEN: -- he is.

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: He's on my -- my dad's not
8 interested in him. My dad has no interest in his
9 brother at all. Absolutely no interest.

10 HUNTER BIDEN: So maybe you did it then to
11 piss off your dad. I don't know, Phillipa.

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: No, my aunt -- my aunt looks
13 after him, you know, and she -- she asks, she's
14 like, would you want to help?

15 And I said, look, I'll just do it.

16 And I did it. And I repainted the whole
17 house.

18 HUNTER BIDEN: Did you --

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: The ceiling --

20 HUNTER BIDEN: -- make your aunt feel better?

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: I think it took a lot off her
22 load for sure. Yeah.

23 HUNTER BIDEN: Did you feel good about taking
24 a load off your aunt's shoulders?

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: I would have felt --

1 HUNTER BIDEN: Phillipa, answer --
2 PHILLIPA HORAN: I would have --
3 HUNTER BIDEN: -- the --
4 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- felt bad if I hadn't.
5 How's --
6 HUNTER BIDEN: Yes.
7 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- that?
8 HUNTER BIDEN: Okay.
9 PHILLIPA HORAN: I would have felt bad. Like,
10 it's often --
11 HUNTER BIDEN: That's what we'll call you
12 feeling good.
13 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah. Yeah.
14 HUNTER BIDEN: It's not -- it's not feeling --
15 PHILLIPA HORAN: It's not feeling bad. It's
16 not feeling guilty.
17 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah.
18 PHILLIPA HORAN: So, I -- yeah. Exactly.
19 HUNTER BIDEN: Okay.
20 PHILLIPA HORAN: But --
21 HUNTER BIDEN: So that's where --
22 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- I didn't feel bad, like
23 normal is great, I don't particularly -- like, what
24 makes me feel really good is if I've had no stress,
25 no guilt, no drama. That makes me feel good.

1 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah.

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: Like staying out of --

3 HUNTER BIDEN: And, you know, sometimes doing
4 something for somebody else is for you, once you
5 realize. Doing something for someone else --

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

7 HUNTER BIDEN: -- makes it so that you don't
8 have any stress because you don't feel guilt.

9 And you know what guilt is? Guilt is a
10 fucking necessary and absolutely wonderful thing
11 that the human mind creates. You know why?
12 Because we should feel guilty when we don't do
13 things that we can to help other people.

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: I mean, I don't like -- I had
15 a -- I had a guy, he actually --

16 HUNTER BIDEN: You're giving me a headache.

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- he was horrible to me. I
18 was -- I dated him for a couple of mon -- maybe a
19 month or something. And he had a terminally ill
20 uncle, and he went to see him one day, and he told
21 me where he was. And then I was with my aunt --

22 HUNTER BIDEN: Uh-huh.

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- and she said, oh, I just
24 have to pop into this hospital. And I said okay,
25 wait a minute, I'll go, I need to -- I -- I'm going

1 to go and visit somebody on one of the wards.

2 And I go and see this guy, he's in a bed, he's
3 dribbling, he's dying, and I spend two hours with
4 him, talking to him, I get him an ice cream; you
5 know? And then I do it again like two weeks later.

6 I don't know this guy. I didn't even like the
7 nephew, but I did it because it's a fucking shitty
8 horrible situation to be in.

9 HUNTER BIDEN: And you did it because you
10 know --

11 PHILLIPA HORAN: But I didn't tell anyone
12 about it.

13 HUNTER BIDEN: I know. Exactly. But you
14 know.

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: I --

16 HUNTER BIDEN: And look, by the way, I'm not
17 talking about feeling good because you display it.
18 I haven't -- you don't know fucking 98 percent of
19 the shit that I do.

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

21 HUNTER BIDEN: But you do it because, don't
22 you leave there and you feel awful for this human
23 being that is suffering, but don't -- don't you,
24 and isn't the whole -- isn't there -- that it's not
25 about -- it's the one thing that you know doesn't

1 make you feel bad is when you do something that is
2 not in your interest, that does not look like it's
3 in your interest in any way --

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: Not in my interest --

5 HUNTER BIDEN: -- for another person --

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- in any way. I do that
7 often.

8 HUNTER BIDEN: -- because what are our
9 interests?

10 Isn't that the question, Phillipa?

11 PHILLIPA HORAN: What?

12 HUNTER BIDEN: Our interests are not the
13 things that we think they are. The things that
14 make us stress free are the things that we don't
15 even under -- that we -- that we imagine are things
16 that we can just do, which is alleviate the
17 suffering of other people.

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

19 HUNTER BIDEN: I guarantee you, if you spent
20 your entire life doing that --

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

22 HUNTER BIDEN: -- you know what?

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

24 HUNTER BIDEN: You would spend it in a
25 stress-free fucking environment. If you woke up

1 every day and you thought, what is the way that I
2 can be of service to the rest of the world --

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

4 HUNTER BIDEN: -- and you know what? You are
5 lucky --

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

7 HUNTER BIDEN: -- in that you found something
8 that is -- that -- that you give to the world.

9 PHILLIPA HORAN: I mean, my -- I come from --
10 my aunt -- I -- I come from a family of caretakers;
11 you know, my whole family are caretakers. My mom
12 would teach, she's a professor; my aunt was a
13 doctor, she's a shrink. My other aunt --

14 HUNTER BIDEN: I'm not talking about that
15 though.

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- is a shrink.

17 HUNTER BIDEN: Because I'm not -- you can
18 be -- you can be in the field of the business of
19 caretaking but you don't necessarily have --

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: But I grew up around --

21 HUNTER BIDEN: -- to be --

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- like that's my moral code
23 that I --

24 HUNTER BIDEN: Well -- no, but that's --

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- grew up around.

1 HUNTER BIDEN: -- your obligation.

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: I grew up around that. Like
3 that's just very much drilled into me, that you
4 take care of people.

5 HUNTER BIDEN: That was a job.

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: No, it's more than a job. I
7 mean, like --

8 HUNTER BIDEN: Okay, so therefor, Phillipa,
9 why do they -- why do they do it?

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: I don't know. But it's a --
11 I --

12 HUNTER BIDEN: Because, Phillipa, it's the
13 right thing to do.

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: It's the right thing to do.

15 HUNTER BIDEN: And when --

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: And I do it --

17 HUNTER BIDEN: -- you do the --

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- when I can --

19 HUNTER BIDEN: -- right thing --

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- but I understand how it --
21 how it's not what -- when I spend time with
22 other -- like, when I've done people favors, when
23 I've helped them out, and when I've been around
24 these troubled characters -- which is quite often.
25 When I have, like, quite a few, like, crazy

1 Airbnb-ers coming in, and I help them out and I do
2 things to try and help them out, but it's -- it's
3 exhausting.

4 And it's -- and it actually -- it's not --
5 like if it's easy for me to give them -- it's easy
6 for me to give them 20 bucks, it's easy -- easy for
7 me to let them stay in my house for a few weeks.
8 It's easy for me to, like, do a few errands for
9 them. But when it's actively, like, the chipping
10 away of my psyche, when they're insulting me --

11 HUNTER BIDEN: You're fucking running a
12 homeless shelter --

13 PHILLIPA HORAN: Oh, I --

14 HUNTER BIDEN: -- through an Airbnb.

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- I am running a homeless
16 shelter --

17 HUNTER BIDEN: So, honey --

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- through an Airbnb.

19 HUNTER BIDEN: -- what the fuck are you
20 talking about?

21 That you do do this, because you know --

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: I do stuff all --

23 HUNTER BIDEN: -- you know it fucking feels
24 good to know that you've done something for someone
25 and it feels even better when they appreciate it.

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

2 HUNTER BIDEN: But let me tell you, if you
3 stop doing it because most people don't appreciate
4 it, you'll never do it again because I guarantee --
5 I can tell you from my experience --

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

7 HUNTER BIDEN: -- the vast majority of people
8 will never appreciate it to the degree of which --
9 which they should.

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: But that favor thing is
11 crazy. That -- it's not about --

12 HUNTER BIDEN: You know, it's the truth; isn't
13 it?

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: It's -- it's so -- it's --
15 yes. It's insane.

16 HUNTER BIDEN: It's one of the most insightful
17 things that fucking someone's --

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: It's amazing.

19 HUNTER BIDEN: -- always said.

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: I've never heard that before.
21 I've never heard that before and it's incredible.

22 HUNTER BIDEN: Well, it's from your own
23 Winston Churchill.

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah, amazing.

25 HUNTER BIDEN: And it's also, you know, the

1 thing that I say, is so what do you do, do you stop
2 doing so-and-so a favor?

3 No, you don't. What you want me to do is stop
4 doing this X, Y or Z. You know what? If I choose
5 that, it's what I said before, I choose death for
6 me; because life, for me, is not about me getting
7 a -- a -- a -- a better Airbnb. It's not about me
8 having a new car to drive, it's not about me being
9 able to go on a trip to -- to London.

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah, but I have to put a
11 roof over my head. I have to --

12 HUNTER BIDEN: So therefore --

13 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- you know, I'm independent.

14 HUNTER BIDEN: -- isn't it wonderful --

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: Like, I have to --

16 HUNTER BIDEN: -- isn't it wonderful --

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- pay --

18 HUNTER BIDEN: -- when you can do both?

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah, but I have to pay my
20 bills. I have to put a roof over my head and I
21 can't do that if I'm, like, stressed out --

22 HUNTER BIDEN: Phillipa --

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- and I can't work if I'm
24 stressed out and if I'm --

25 HUNTER BIDEN: And so you balance it.

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- and I've got somebody
2 shouting at me being like, you are an impotent
3 little woman.

4 HUNTER BIDEN: Hey, so isn't it then --

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: It --

6 HUNTER BIDEN: -- Phillipa, for real, isn't
7 it -- haven't you figured out, that you know what,
8 you can fool yourself into thinking that you're
9 running an Airbnb --

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: It's not just Airbnb, it's
11 friends staying. I mean --

12 HUNTER BIDEN: I know, so your --

13 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- I have friends from all
14 over --

15 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah.

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- the place.

17 HUNTER BIDEN: So you think --

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: The majority of them like
19 staying there. Usually it's fine, but sometimes
20 they're just like, --

21 HUNTER BIDEN: But you keep doing it,
22 Phillipa, because you know it's the right thing to
23 do; and you know that you would never be happy if
24 the only reason that you made your art was to make
25 money.

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: No, that's true but I still
2 need to make money. You know?
3 HUNTER BIDEN: Of course --
4 PHILLIPA HORAN: I still need --
5 HUNTER BIDEN: -- everybody does.
6 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- to make money.
7 HUNTER BIDEN: Phillipa, I'm not asking anyone
8 to become Buddha.
9 PHILLIPA HORAN: Because then if I'm not -- if
10 I don't make money myself, then I'm --
11 HUNTER BIDEN: Phillipa, you're -- you're
12 arguing --
13 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- (indiscernible) a lot of
14 people -- [TIMESTAMP 36:18]
15 HUNTER BIDEN: -- up the wrong tree.
16 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- and I have to compromise.
17 HUNTER BIDEN: You're arguing up the wrong
18 tree.
19 PHILLIPA HORAN: No.
20 HUNTER BIDEN: So what do you do? You don't
21 compromise. You stay true to yourself --
22 PHILLIPA HORAN: No.
23 HUNTER BIDEN: -- with the realization also
24 that you have to figure out an outlet for what is
25 not selfish, and not all about yourself. You have

1 to figure out a way to be of service to other
2 people, like you are to me, for instance. You know
3 that as much as this is about a project, is that
4 you -- you like me.

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: Sure.

6 HUNTER BIDEN: And you know what, you also --

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: Are you sure about that?

8 HUNTER BIDEN: -- know -- you also know that
9 there's a chance of -- from your perspective,
10 quote, unquote, like saving me. Like taking me out
11 of my fucking -- taking me out of my fucking
12 addiction for a moment. Taking --

13 PHILLIPA HORAN: Only you can save yourself,
14 Hunter.

15 HUNTER BIDEN: And there you go.

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: Only you can do this.

17 HUNTER BIDEN: There you go.

18 And that is another one of the most bullshit,
19 motherfucking sayings I've ever fucking heard in my
20 entire fucking life. And all of you fucking idiots
21 who fucking say that -- which is by the way, 99
22 percent, so I'm probably the idiot.

23 Only you can save yourself.

24 Well, goddamn it, I'm down a well, I need a
25 rope.

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

2 HUNTER BIDEN: Someone's got to throw me the
3 rope. Someone has to have fucking made the rope.
4 Someone's had to heard my call and decided to stop
5 by the well, Phillipa.

6 Saying to people that only you can save
7 yourself -- you know what? I'm the only one who
8 can climb up the rope.

9 PHILLIPA HORAN: Well, then what is --

10 HUNTER BIDEN: But I need someone to throw me
11 the rope, Phillipa.

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- what's the difference
13 between, being in -- like, helping somebody and
14 enabling them?

15 HUNTER BIDEN: A big difference. What is
16 enabling? It's knowing when --

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: I can give you love, and I
18 can give you support.

19 HUNTER BIDEN: So here's the deal, Phillipa:
20 I'm living in the well. I'm at the bottom of the
21 well and you hear me calling, crying, please, let
22 me out.

23 And you think, if I let him up, if I let him
24 climb up out of that well, he's going to go start
25 the same thing again.

1 Are you an enabler --

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: No.

3 HUNTER BIDEN: -- of bringing me out of the
4 depths of isolation and allowing me to climb up to
5 make the choice for myself of whether I'm going to
6 start again? Now, who's the enabler?

7 People call the person that gives the rope an
8 enabler all the time. And so the person down there
9 is sitting, going, well, what the fuck do you want
10 me to do? And they all yell down, only you can
11 save yourself, Hunter.

12 What a bunch of fucking bullshit.

13 I don't want to enable you.

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm. Hmm.

15 HUNTER BIDEN: Well, how am I going to get up?

16 I don't know, but I'm not throwing you the
17 rope. I'm not going to be the one.

18 Do you see it? Is it not that simple --

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

20 HUNTER BIDEN: -- or am I the only one who can
21 see that?

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: But then what do I do when
23 you smoke crack in front of me? What am I supposed
24 to do?

25 HUNTER BIDEN: Honey, what you do is, you hope

1 that the other thing you're doing is sitting me
2 here and making me understand and making me talk
3 about the things of realization that --

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

5 HUNTER BIDEN: -- this is the well.

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

7 HUNTER BIDEN: You're the rope.

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

9 HUNTER BIDEN: I have to fucking put my hands
10 around the rope.

11 PHILLIPA HORAN: Like throw it in the sea.
12 Should we go for a throw in the sea? That's what
13 I'd really like to do.

14 HUNTER BIDEN: Let me get my fucking -- like
15 my -- my head around it. I promise you I'll go
16 swim, okay?

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: It's going to get cold though
18 soon.

19 HUNTER BIDEN: Baby, it's going to be freezing
20 no matter what. It's fucking December.

21 But don't you see that that's the perfect
22 fucking analogy?

23 Have you ever heard someone say that before?

24 No.

25 Because all the experts and the people down in

1 the well -- you know what? They've been convinced,
2 all the people on the top -- they've convinced all
3 the people on the top that you got to keep them in
4 the well.

5 Well, when will I know when he can come out of
6 the well?

7 When he's -- when -- when he's reached bottom.

8 Well, he sure sounds like he's at the bottom
9 of the well.

10 Nope. He's got to be all the way at the
11 bottom.

12 Well, you know what? He sounds better today
13 but he's still at the bottom of the well. When can
14 I throw the rope?

15 Not yet. You know why? Because we're
16 charging him to keep him in the well.

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

18 HUNTER BIDEN: And there's wells all over the
19 place and you have an entire industry to keep him
20 in the well.

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: But it's not a beautiful
22 story unless you come out of the well.

23 HUNTER BIDEN: Exactly.

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: You have to finish the story.

25 HUNTER BIDEN: And someone's got to throw the

1 rope, honey.

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

3 HUNTER BIDEN: Because when you're at the
4 bottom of the well --

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: How do I do that?

6 HUNTER BIDEN: -- you don't see. It's all
7 blackness. You -- the walls are filled --

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

9 HUNTER BIDEN: -- and you know what? Here's
10 the thing, is I'm going to climb up out of the well
11 without the rope.

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

13 HUNTER BIDEN: And a lot of people do.

14 And that's the thing that fucking Russell
15 Brand doesn't understand and that other people --
16 I'm not criticizing him, he's doing really good
17 stuff -- that people don't realize, you can't
18 imagine, even with the rope, the fucking strength
19 that it requires to fucking climb out and never
20 jump back in.

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

22 HUNTER BIDEN: You can't imagine.

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

24 HUNTER BIDEN: And we sit here and we look at
25 these people as if they are lesser-than. As if

1 they fucking are the -- the -- the lack of
2 potential --

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: Do you want --

4 HUNTER BIDEN: -- of life.

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- to talk about this on
6 camera?

7 HUNTER BIDEN: I just -- I'm not -- I'm --
8 I'm -- on camera? Sure.

9 PHILLIPA HORAN: If you want.

10 HUNTER BIDEN: That's fine with me, I don't
11 care.

12 Anyway...

13 PHILLIPA HORAN: You don't have to smoke crack
14 on camera though. Um...

15 HUNTER BIDEN: You know -- where's my
16 backpack?

17 This -- shit. Have you ever read this?

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yes, I did.

19 Didn't I rec -- didn't I recommend this to you
20 or send this to you?

21 HUNTER BIDEN: No.

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: I did.

23 HUNTER BIDEN: I promise you didn't send it to
24 me. I got it from Keith.

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: I sent it to you.

1 HUNTER BIDEN: I never got it then. And --
2 which is amazing, by the way.

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: I sent it to you. And --

4 HUNTER BIDEN: Sent it where?

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: I sent you a.pdf of it.

6 HUNTER BIDEN: I never got it.

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: I sent you a.pdf of it.

8 HUNTER BIDEN: I really -- I never --

9 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

10 HUNTER BIDEN: But then that -- then that's
11 even more amazing because Keith gave it to me.

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah, it's really good.

13 Based on Machiavelli.

14 HUNTER BIDEN: That's funny. Don't you think
15 that's funny?

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: That I sent it to you and you
17 ignored me?

18 HUNTER BIDEN: No, no.

19 That -- that of all of the -- of all of the
20 great thinkers that you could have sent me --

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

22 HUNTER BIDEN: -- you sent me one that says --
23 at least by layman's terms, Machiavelli, who
24 basically says: Do it for yourself.

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: Well, Machiavelli was the --

1 The Art of -- The War -- The Art of War.

2 HUNTER BIDEN: No, I know, but --

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: And then --

4 HUNTER BIDEN: -- I thought --

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- this is The War of Art.

6 HUNTER BIDEN: But I thought you're saying

7 too, that it's based upon --

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

9 HUNTER BIDEN: -- the --

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah, yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

11 Yeah.

12 HUNTER BIDEN: What if I actually took more

13 pictures --

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah, that's fine.

15 HUNTER BIDEN: Is this -- is that -- sorry. I

16 can't find it.

17 Do you have a phone charger?

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah, I do. It's plugged

19 into that wall.

20 I don't see one.

21 HUNTER BIDEN: I don't know if this charger

22 works.

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: Oh, yeah, I heard Medea is

24 supposed to be good. [TIMESTAMP 45:35]

25 HUNTER BIDEN: What one?

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: This is supposed to be good.

2 I never read it. It's on my read list.

3 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah.

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: I don't know what this is,

5 The Order of Time.

6 HUNTER BIDEN: It's impressive.

7 [Recording playing and not transcribed.

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9 PHILLIPA HORAN: Griff said: The poem was

10 emotionally true. Some select spell checking

11 perhaps needed. It was nonlinear, which is good,

12 very good, raw; said about the writing.

13 HUNTER BIDEN: Who is that from, sweetheart?

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: Griffin. My friend Griffin.

15 One of my friends, Griffin.

16 HUNTER BIDEN: What's the book?

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: It's with -- it's from --

18 HUNTER BIDEN: Here's the -- here's the thing

19 to do, by the way, with the camera.

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: I know.

21 HUNTER BIDEN: It should be of both of us.

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: Of me as well?

23 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah.

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: All right.

25 HUNTER BIDEN: Because this is a

1 collaboration.

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: Okay.

3 HUNTER BIDEN: This isn't you filming me.

4 This isn't me coming up with my -- what?

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: Let me just brush my hair.

6 HUNTER BIDEN: Wait a second, you know, that's
7 bullshit. Total bullshit.

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: (Indiscernible). [TIMESTAMP
9 47:56]

10 HUNTER BIDEN: It's over there.

11 You -- you want the brush?

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: No. No.

13 HUNTER BIDEN: There's a brush right there.

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: It's okay. It's fine. It's
15 good. Good. Okay.

16 HUNTER BIDEN: Fuck, wait. I -- I got to push
17 up and go put on my pants.

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: Okay.

19 HUNTER BIDEN: What are you doing?

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: What do you want me to do?

21 HUNTER BIDEN: I don't know. But that's my
22 point, for real.

23 If you're -- if you're -- if this is just
24 about filming me, then it is really truly you doing
25 the -- like you're -- you're like the -- the

1 scientist.

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: I'm an artist.

3 HUNTER BIDEN: Yes. And so I'm supposed to be
4 an artist, too, in this project. I'm not supposed
5 to be a subject.

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: All right.

7 HUNTER BIDEN: You motherfucker.

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: Another glass of wine?

9 HUNTER BIDEN: Oh, really.

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: I really thought I had to --
11 I really don't know if I've been on film.

12 HUNTER BIDEN: It's your film, erase it.

13 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah. Yeah.

14 Is there a bottle opener, do you have a bottle
15 opener?

16 HUNTER BIDEN: Yes, there is. There's like
17 four drawers, six drawers. Go to the other side.
18 It's got to be there somewhere.

19 Keep working. Not -- right there.

20 No, down -- the drawers. Open the drawers.

21 Did you get it?

22 French.

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: French style.

24 HUNTER BIDEN: This is much better than
25 British style.

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: It's an addiction, what do
2 you do about it?

3 HUNTER BIDEN: Nothing. We do nothing. We
4 sit and drink more wine --

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: And smoke crack.

6 HUNTER BIDEN: -- and continue to do the
7 fucking drug that we're doing. What the fuck?

8 Well, I have an answer --

9 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

10 HUNTER BIDEN: -- that -- that -- thank you
11 for -- oh, is this an interview?

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

13 HUNTER BIDEN: Okay.

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: Okay. This is --

15 HUNTER BIDEN: I don't know. What do we do --

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: What do we --

17 HUNTER BIDEN: -- about --

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- do about addiction?

19 HUNTER BIDEN: What do we do about guilt?

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: Guilt.

21 HUNTER BIDEN: Yes.

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: This is something that I've
23 had deeply engrained in me since I was a child at
24 convent school.

25 HUNTER BIDEN: Oh, really?

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: I'm finding it really --

2 HUNTER BIDEN: I just asked -- I just asked
3 the question randomly.

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: I was finding it really
5 difficult. I have to work on it. I don't know
6 what to do, you know.

7 HUNTER BIDEN: I do.

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: This glass is dirty.

9 HUNTER BIDEN: I know what to do about guilt.

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: What do you do?

11 HUNTER BIDEN: You listen to it.

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: Slap it. Take it down a dark
13 alley and slap it.

14 HUNTER BIDEN: No, you listen to it. It's a
15 shame, you don't.

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: Well, you know, you can get
17 so beaten down, sometimes -- sometimes I get guilty
18 by not working hard enough. And then --

19 HUNTER BIDEN: Good.

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- and then it becomes -- and
21 then it becomes --

22 HUNTER BIDEN: No.

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- and then work becomes --

24 HUNTER BIDEN: No, then it becomes an
25 obsession, and it's not guilt.

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: No, it becomes a sense of --
2 it -- it becomes -- it ceases to be a pleasurable
3 experience because --

4 HUNTER BIDEN: Because it becomes obsessive.

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- of the pressure.

6 HUNTER BIDEN: And it becomes like an
7 addiction.

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: Because of the pressure that
9 I'm putting on myself.

10 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah. Because you can't stop
11 it.

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: So then I have to go out. I
13 have to leave and I have to get out and I have to
14 go for a walk or do something else.

15 HUNTER BIDEN: You go on a bender.

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: Or go on a bender.

17 HUNTER BIDEN: Or you do something healthy,
18 right?

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: Or you do something healthy,
20 which is --

21 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah, so --

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- as good as --

23 HUNTER BIDEN: -- what is guilt?

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- going on a bender.

25 HUNTER BIDEN: Guilt is not a bad thing.

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: Is doing something healthy as
2 good as going on a bender?

3 HUNTER BIDEN: You know what it is? The
4 most -- it -- what's the easiest way for you not to
5 feel guilty; is when you do something for somebody
6 else and you know it. Your little Airbnb project,
7 the Airbnb homeless shel -- shelter?

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

9 HUNTER BIDEN: You know, I mean the fact of
10 the matter is, you do it not just because you can,
11 you do it because you know it's something that you
12 do for other people. It makes -- it's -- it's a
13 responsibility, you think. It's you -- it's you
14 alleviating your guilt.

15 People should alleviate their guilt, shouldn't
16 they?

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: They should, yeah. Wow.

18 HUNTER BIDEN: Everything too -- it's -- you
19 know, everything in a way in which it doesn't
20 become totally and completely obsessive to the
21 point of doing them harm.

22 Look, you can do as we -- I said. You know,
23 it's proper to mourn. It's proper sometimes to --
24 to -- to -- to be sad. You should be sad when
25 someone dies. You should feel bad. And you should

1 probably feel it for the rest of your life if you
2 really loved them to the degree you did. But it
3 doesn't have to become the thing that defines you.

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: What do you think about the
5 Torah and how there's a -- there's a guide on
6 mourning? Various religious guides on mourning, on
7 how to mourn. When you mourn for a year, and you
8 can't be -- you can't be seen not mourning for a
9 year. You have to mourn. You have to be seen to
10 be mourning for a year --

11 HUNTER BIDEN: Well --

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- and then it's time to move
13 on.

14 HUNTER BIDEN: I think that there are a lot of
15 things that are -- that make -- number one, I love
16 when you completely are impacted by the external
17 environment to the degree that you become a
18 different person with me.

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

20 HUNTER BIDEN: Like when you turn on your
21 camera.

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

23 HUNTER BIDEN: For all of you to know, this is
24 not a fucking interview.

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

1 HUNTER BIDEN: I'm interviewing you.

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm. Uh-huh. Interview me
3 then.

4 HUNTER BIDEN: No. Act as if I'm your
5 psychiatrist, okay? And act --

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: My psychologist. She's a
7 psychologist. A Lacanian analyst -- an -- Lacanian
8 analyst.

9 HUNTER BIDEN: I know, we talked about this
10 before.

11 PHILLIPA HORAN: She doesn't sub -- sub --
12 prescribe any drugs.

13 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah.

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: She's very good. She doesn't
15 say very much.

16 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah. I say a lot.

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

18 HUNTER BIDEN: I am a -- a Hunterian-ist
19 [phonetic].

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: I'm providing the visuals for
21 this project and you're providing the text.

22 HUNTER BIDEN: I know --

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: But it's not --

24 HUNTER BIDEN: But the --

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- the way --

1 HUNTER BIDEN: -- text and the visuals --

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: Neither of us are equally
3 saying less or equally saying more.

4 HUNTER BIDEN: I'm not responding --

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: Just in a --

6 HUNTER BIDEN: -- to your visuals.

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- different language.

8 HUNTER BIDEN: You're not responding to my
9 text. You're responding to me and I'm responding
10 to you.

11 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

12 HUNTER BIDEN: And I'm not only responding to
13 you, but I am -- this is what I think and you've
14 shown me what you think.

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

16 HUNTER BIDEN: The Pipeline is that.

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

18 HUNTER BIDEN: It is an idea that we both had
19 at the same time --

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

21 HUNTER BIDEN: -- and came to meet each other
22 to realize --

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

24 HUNTER BIDEN: -- we both had a similar
25 idea --

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

2 HUNTER BIDEN: -- and to express it in some
3 way.

4 But what I'm saying about guilt, I'm with you;
5 and what I think that you don't understand about
6 yourself is that you do -- you do for me.

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

8 HUNTER BIDEN: You didn't have to choose me to
9 do this. Part of the reason you did it is because
10 you think I'm interesting. Part of the reason you
11 do is because you think I'm a -- a -- fascinating
12 to the degree of almost dangerous. And you also do
13 it for another reason.

14 It's because I think that you would feel bad
15 about yourself, as if you disengaged from me and I
16 ended up dying or something like that. Not because
17 of you, but you would feel bad -- you would feel
18 like I wish I had gone to him in December when he
19 asked me to because maybe the distraction of the
20 project would have --

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

22 HUNTER BIDEN: -- would have been the thing
23 to -- to get him -- I know that I don't control
24 anybody and it's not my responsibility, --

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

1 HUNTER BIDEN: -- but maybe.

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: I had a friend who killed
3 himself, and I tried to spend --

4 HUNTER BIDEN: I have no intention of killing
5 myself, Phillipa, for the fifteenth time.

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: Okay, good.

7 HUNTER BIDEN: I have no intention of putting
8 myself in a position to kill myself.

9 PHILLIPA HORAN: Good.

10 HUNTER BIDEN: Okay? I think you would feel
11 bad if I just never did this. I think you would
12 feel bad that you didn't engage with me and to
13 allow me to be at -- the person that you think that
14 I could be. I think that you would feel bad about
15 it. It's not the reason you're doing it, I also
16 think that you think if I do engage it could be
17 really incredible. So --

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: What do you want to get out
19 of this project? What do you --

20 HUNTER BIDEN: What do you want to get out of
21 the project? Other than money?

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: Well, that's like -- I'm like
23 in the --

24 HUNTER BIDEN: I got to (indiscernible)

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1 PHILLIPA HORAN: I'm like in the minus so far.

2 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah.

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: I'm not going to pretend. In
4 terms of money.

5 But -- but I think -- I've always worked quite
6 instinctively with -- with the work that I make.

7 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah.

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: And I've always been quite
9 trustful of things coming into my sphere and I go
10 with it.

11 HUNTER BIDEN: Okay. So what do you want out
12 of it, now that we're in it?

13 PHILLIPA HORAN: I would like to make some
14 beautiful paintings and a beautiful zine; maybe a
15 film, maybe a book.

16 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah. I mean, zine, right? I
17 mean, we're definitely doing that.

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: We're definitely doing that,
19 that's going.

20 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah.

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: But --

22 HUNTER BIDEN: We are.

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- I have a lot of questions
24 that -- that I ask myself and a lot of challenges
25 and a lot of criticisms of the project that I've

1 had to work through on my own because you often
2 were not around to talk to about it.

3 HUNTER BIDEN: I think that's the biggest
4 thing for you. I mean, from my observation, is I
5 think -- and I think this is a compliment to you,
6 is that I get that when you -- that -- the
7 questions that you ask me --

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

9 HUNTER BIDEN: -- are things that you struggle
10 with with yourself.

11 PHILLIPA HORAN: Absolutely.

12 HUNTER BIDEN: So understanding why -- why did
13 this person in my life do this? Why is it that I
14 feel trapped by that? And why can't I understand
15 why some -- like that person, I can't -- I don't
16 understand why they don't do their best work, or
17 why aren't they at their best health?

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

19 HUNTER BIDEN: Or I don't understand, like,
20 why do you choose to do that, Hunter? Like
21 what's -- what is it? Like, you know that it's not
22 good, what do you get out of it?

23 Because I think also you struggle a lot with
24 what do you get out of some of the things that you
25 do.

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: Often I never even think -- I
2 mean, I never think about that.

3 HUNTER BIDEN: But isn't the way you --

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: I never --

5 HUNTER BIDEN: -- think about it through
6 your -- through your art?

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- for as long -- for as long
8 as I can remember, making work, living my life,
9 I've never thought -- I've never had ambition about
10 what I can get out of it.

11 HUNTER BIDEN: You haven't?

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: I just know that it's --

13 HUNTER BIDEN: But isn't --

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- an interesting thing
15 because I'm interested in it and I have a very
16 short attention span, and when I'm interested in
17 something I know that it's -- it's right because
18 it's -- I mean, making art and writing, it can
19 never really be wrong because it's a document of
20 one person's experience on this planet.

21 HUNTER BIDEN: Don't you think that you choose
22 the things that you do though, maybe even
23 subconsciously, because --

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: Well, there's definitely a --

25 HUNTER BIDEN: -- it alleviates what is your

1 true intention is to figure out why.

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: I think I look at -- I'm very
3 thorough and I read a lot and I look --

4 HUNTER BIDEN: Why?

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- at -- I look at -- I look
6 at a lot of different --

7 HUNTER BIDEN: Do you look at it --

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- demographics --

9 HUNTER BIDEN: -- because you want to
10 understand it?

11 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- and a lot of different
12 cultures, a lot of different, you know, from -- and
13 I have a wide demographic of friends. And when I
14 think that something's amiss and something's
15 unexplored, then that's what makes it interesting
16 for me.

17 HUNTER BIDEN: Because you want to understand,
18 right?

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah, but I think the
20 Mycelium project was really interesting for me
21 because I couldn't understand how this material
22 wasn't more widely known about, why it wasn't used
23 as a replacement for plastics, why it wasn't used
24 for building material, why artists have never used
25 it, you know, hadn't t used it to -- had never used

1 it. They've never made --

2 HUNTER BIDEN: But isn't getting answers about
3 mycelium also getting answers about the fundamental
4 questions of life?

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: It's about I've always --

6 HUNTER BIDEN: Why don't we all --

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- been interested --

8 HUNTER BIDEN: -- live like mycelium, is the
9 real question that you're asking.

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: Connective intelligence.

11 HUNTER BIDEN: Why don't --

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: But we do. We're starting
13 to, hopefully.

14 HUNTER BIDEN: I know, but why don't --

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: In terms of --

16 HUNTER BIDEN: Why aren't we as beautiful as
17 mycelium, is the question; why aren't we as purely,
18 seemingly good as the mycelium is?

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: I think we are. I don't
20 think mycelium's always good. Mycelium digests
21 things in order to produce.

22 HUNTER BIDEN: What does it digest?

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: Rock, it digests bones, it
24 digests --

25 HUNTER BIDEN: It digests inert things. Go

1 ahead.

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah. It can digest
3 anything. You could put a --

4 HUNTER BIDEN: I know.

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: You could cover this knife --

6 HUNTER BIDEN: What does it digest that's
7 alive?

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: Oh, I mean --

9 HUNTER BIDEN: What does it kill?

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: There is a specific type of
11 cordyceps mushroom.

12 HUNTER BIDEN: But why does it kill the
13 mushroom?

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: Because, the -- the cordyceps
15 mushroom will release its spores, which have a
16 sweet taste that attracts insects.

17 HUNTER BIDEN: Yep.

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: Those insects then go towards
19 spores and they kind of -- the spores get stuff on
20 them. And then slowly the spores will start to
21 grow --

22 HUNTER BIDEN: Isn't it beautiful that --

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- and --

24 HUNTER BIDEN: -- mycelium --

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- they will insert -- they

1 will insert themselves into the body of the animal,
2 the insect, whether it's an ant or a caterpillar or
3 a cricket, and then they will get into its brain,
4 and then they will make the ant or the caterpillar
5 or the spider climb to the highest possible point
6 that it can. And then when it's at its highest, it
7 will take over its brain, it will turn the ant or
8 spider or the caterpillar into a zombie, and it
9 will have complete mind control over it.

10 It will make it climb to its highest possible
11 point and then it will sprout a fruit out of its
12 head or its body. So you see these fossilized
13 spiders or caterpillars or ants up a tree with the
14 mushroom or several mushrooms sprouting from their
15 bodies. And then it will release its spores
16 because it's got a greater range to continue its
17 life cycle.

18 HUNTER BIDEN: Mycelium is --

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: Scary.

20 HUNTER BIDEN: -- fully beautiful.

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: Scary. Yeah.

22 HUNTER BIDEN: No, it isn't.

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: I mean, that's pretty --

24 that's -- that's the stuff in --

25 HUNTER BIDEN: Mycelium doesn't --

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- zombie --

2 HUNTER BIDEN: -- do that.

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- movies.

4 Mycelium does that, yeah.

5 HUNTER BIDEN: Wait a second. Mycelium kills

6 the mushrooms that does that.

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: No, no. It kills the ant.

8 It will --

9 HUNTER BIDEN: Wait.

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- kill the ant.

11 HUNTER BIDEN: You told me --

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

13 HUNTER BIDEN: -- that mycelium attacks the

14 mushroom --

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: So mycelium -- mycelium --

16 mycelium -- every mushroom -- every mushroom has

17 mycelium.

18 HUNTER BIDEN: I know that. No, I'm --

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: A mushroom --

20 HUNTER BIDEN: -- saying to you --

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- is a spore.

22 HUNTER BIDEN: I said, what does mycelium

23 kill?

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: Right.

25 HUNTER BIDEN: It kills --

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: Insects. It can kill loads
2 of insects.

3 HUNTER BIDEN: They carry this, right?

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

5 HUNTER BIDEN: It carries insects that carry
6 bad things to other things, right?

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: No, no, no. It will use an
8 insect as a -- as a vessel --

9 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah --

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- to --

11 HUNTER BIDEN: -- to do good things.

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- to continue its life
13 cycle --

14 HUNTER BIDEN: To continue the life cycle that
15 required --

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- of the mycelium.

17 HUNTER BIDEN: -- to let all --

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

19 HUNTER BIDEN: -- of everything to live,
20 right?

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah, yeah. Yeah.

22 It is nature's neural network. Without --
23 without mycelium -- like, the forest is one big
24 organism connected by mycelium. And it grows into
25 the trees, it grows into the flowers, into the

1 organisms. So it's part of them.

2 HUNTER BIDEN: Yep.

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: And it makes decisions about
4 nutrients and oxygen, who should have which
5 nutrients, which -- who should have which sugars,
6 and it swaps them amongst trees, amongst plants; it
7 has a symbiotic relationship with them.

8 HUNTER BIDEN: Uh-huh.

9 PHILLIPA HORAN: Like Wikipedia, I suppose.
10 You know --

11 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah.

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- this collective
13 intelligence, all of these things --

14 HUNTER BIDEN: Have you seen what --

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- all of these --

16 HUNTER BIDEN: -- you've done --

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- people coming together.

18 HUNTER BIDEN: -- in this conversation?

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: What have I done?

20 HUNTER BIDEN: You've totally retreated into a
21 scientific explore -- uh -- uh -- monologue --

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

23 HUNTER BIDEN: -- about mycelium purely from
24 a -- a -- a clinical perspective.

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

1 HUNTER BIDEN: But why do you want to
2 understand mycelium? Because don't you think --
3 why does mycelium -- what does mycelium do?

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: I'm interested in --

5 HUNTER BIDEN: My -- mycelium --

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- in what's not explored.

7 I'm interested in what's hidden.

8 HUNTER BIDEN: I know. I --

9 PHILLIPA HORAN: And --

10 HUNTER BIDEN: -- understand that.

11 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

12 HUNTER BIDEN: Okay. You're interested in --

13 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

14 HUNTER BIDEN: -- understanding.

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

16 HUNTER BIDEN: Why do you want to understand?

17 Why do you choose things?

18 Look, mycelium isn't -- is like -- I mean,
19 it's such an obvious answer to that.

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

21 HUNTER BIDEN: It's such an obvious answer to
22 your art that I don't -- I can't believe that you
23 don't see.

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: Tell me.

25 HUNTER BIDEN: You want to understand --

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

2 HUNTER BIDEN: -- why we do what we do --

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

4 HUNTER BIDEN: -- why there is evil and there
5 is good.

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

7 HUNTER BIDEN: What explains the reason that
8 my ex did this or this person did this. And you
9 don't know it --

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: I always wanted --

11 HUNTER BIDEN: -- but it is --

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- to know those answers.

13 HUNTER BIDEN: Yes, exactly.

14 And it is you, amazingly --

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

16 HUNTER BIDEN: -- have chosen to do it through
17 art and have found yourself doing it through nature
18 and have found yourself being able to under -- you
19 want to understand why I do what I do.

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

21 HUNTER BIDEN: Why you do what you do. Why
22 does my father act the way that he does.

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: But I don't want to just
24 understand it, I want to like -- it scares me.
25 Crack scares me. I -- I get scared --

1 HUNTER BIDEN: Not -- not that. That's --

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- I get scared when I see
3 people doing -- hurting themselves. I get scared
4 when I see people hurting themselves because I
5 know, I have done it. You know, people die and --

6 HUNTER BIDEN: So what do you do? Why do you
7 get scared? What does it matter to you?

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: Why do I care?

9 HUNTER BIDEN: Why do you care about me?

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

11 HUNTER BIDEN: You --

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: I'm thinking. I'm trying to
13 compare it in my brain, like why do I care. You
14 know, I've had -- because I've had -- I've shared
15 moving moments with you. And I really
16 appreciate --

17 HUNTER BIDEN: But the only --

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- that.

19 HUNTER BIDEN: -- way that you would have
20 shared --

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: I really appreciate --

22 HUNTER BIDEN: -- moving moments is if you
23 cared. Why did you -- why do you care?

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: I'm trying to understand why
25 I care. Because I've been very moved by you.

1 HUNTER BIDEN: Why? Why did you care enough
2 to even get to that level of --

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: I'm trying to --

4 HUNTER BIDEN: -- communication?

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: My neighbor, I care about
6 him. Why do I care about him? Why do I care --
7 well, he's not related to me, he doesn't give me
8 money, he doesn't help me, but I can take him out
9 for lunch --

10 HUNTER BIDEN: But doesn't he?

11 Because isn't this mycelium?

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

13 HUNTER BIDEN: Isn't everything mycelium?

14 Isn't the -- the -- isn't --

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

16 HUNTER BIDEN: -- the -- all of -- isn't the
17 pattern of mycelium the same pattern that runs
18 through everything that we don't even recognize?

19 As you keep saying --

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: As a --

21 HUNTER BIDEN: -- it's Wikipedia.

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- society. As a society.

23 HUNTER BIDEN: And so mycelium can be as --
24 look to be as -- as neutral as Wikipedia, for
25 instance, in terms of whether it's good or bad.

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: I think I appreciate your
2 honesty.

3 HUNTER BIDEN: Sure. You can --

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: I think --

5 HUNTER BIDEN: -- appreciate --

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- I appreciate --

7 HUNTER BIDEN: -- doesn't mean you can --

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- your honesty.

9 HUNTER BIDEN: -- why you care about me
10 though.

11 PHILLIPA HORAN: Well, it does because I think
12 when I find the lie, I stop caring. I have a
13 self-preservation. You know, like I've -- when
14 I -- when I spot the lie, when I feel the lie, I
15 cut myself --

16 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah, but go back to --

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

18 HUNTER BIDEN: -- why you care.

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

20 Because I care about everyone. I care about
21 everyone as -- as -- and -- and I try and help them
22 as much as I can.

23 HUNTER BIDEN: Equally? And do you really
24 care about everyone, like in terms of consciously
25 care about everyone?

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: I mean, in the street? Yeah.

2 But if I -- you know, I try --

3 HUNTER BIDEN: No.

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- but then when I -- yeah.

5 But then when I -- but then --

6 HUNTER BIDEN: So why don't you do something
7 for everyone?

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: Because the amount of --
9 because you can't. Because I can't. Because that
10 would --

11 HUNTER BIDEN: Why?

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- be to the detriment of me
13 being able to put a roof over my own head.

14 HUNTER BIDEN: Exactly. Right?

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

16 HUNTER BIDEN: So, obviously, do you think
17 that you would -- would contribute in any way --

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

19 HUNTER BIDEN: -- to the collective, as if you
20 didn't care? Would that be a life to you?

21 You said that, you know, you want to be able
22 to, like, first take care of yourself. So does
23 mycelium first take care of itself?

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: You can -- yeah, but I have
25 issues with independence as well. I like to be as

1 independent as possible. That's a gender thing.

2 That's a political thing. If I was a man -- a

3 man --

4 HUNTER BIDEN: Stop. Stop with --

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- I might be --

6 HUNTER BIDEN: -- all of that bullshit.

7 Does -- does --

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: It's true.

9 HUNTER BIDEN: -- mycelium, first, take care
10 of itself from any (indiscernible). [TIMESTAMP
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12 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

13 HUNTER BIDEN: Or is it first perceived as
14 taking care of the -- of the forest?

15 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh...

16 HUNTER BIDEN: And it does it by the example
17 that you gave, by the dramatic example of the -- is
18 it -- actually --

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: Mycelium doesn't have a
20 nervous system and it doesn't have empathy.

21 HUNTER BIDEN: Sure it does.

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: It has --

23 HUNTER BIDEN: It seems like it's the most
24 empathetic thing there is.

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: It -- it makes -- it makes an

1 informed decision to take water from an old dying
2 tree and give it to a younger tree.

3 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah.

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: And it knows that there's,
5 like, things that are intrinsic to its life cycle,
6 then it will give nutrients to them.

7 HUNTER BIDEN: Yep.

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: But it's quite ruthless.

9 HUNTER BIDEN: Is mycelium --

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: And it --

11 HUNTER BIDEN: -- feeding the forest --

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- it's like --

13 HUNTER BIDEN: -- or is --

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- communist.

15 HUNTER BIDEN: -- the forest or --

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: It's a communist, like it's
17 for the greater good --

18 HUNTER BIDEN: No.

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- you know.

20 HUNTER BIDEN: So (sound effect) stop with
21 that.

22 So --

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: Mycelium is communist.

24 HUNTER BIDEN: No, I know.

25 But is mycelium acting on behalf of the forest

1 in everything around it, all life, or is mycelium
2 acting purely for itself?

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: Um, I think it's acting for
4 the -- it's -- it's the -- it -- it's reliant on
5 the entire network of the forest.

6 HUNTER BIDEN: So, isn't --

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

8 HUNTER BIDEN: -- that the question of what of
9 life?

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: But then why do you --

11 HUNTER BIDEN: Are we here --

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: But then why do --

13 HUNTER BIDEN: Are were here --

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- I spend --

15 HUNTER BIDEN: -- just to --

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- time helping homeless
17 people or helping --

18 HUNTER BIDEN: Because --

19 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- an old lady who's fallen
20 over or --

21 HUNTER BIDEN: Because you know --

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- helping --

23 HUNTER BIDEN: -- if you didn't --

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- people that have nothing
25 to gain from it?

1 HUNTER BIDEN: Listen, I'm saying exactly
2 that.

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm. Hmm.

4 HUNTER BIDEN: It's the question of life.
5 Is mycelium helping -- is mycelium here to
6 help itself or to help the forest? Is mycelium
7 here only for its own lifespan --

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

9 HUNTER BIDEN: -- or does it -- is it here --

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

11 HUNTER BIDEN: -- to feed the nutrients and to
12 be the -- the brain that allows the entirety of the
13 forest to survive?

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

15 HUNTER BIDEN: Is it a purely selfish fucking
16 organism or is it the most selfless organism?

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: But helping an old lady or
18 helping like --

19 HUNTER BIDEN: How does it help?

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- or going to -- or going to
21 see this terminally ill --

22 HUNTER BIDEN: Okay.

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- spending hours with this
24 terminally ill --

25 HUNTER BIDEN: I can't --

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- guy that I don't even know
2 because I feel like I'm empathetic towards them.

3 HUNTER BIDEN: Because if everyone didn't --
4 if no one did what you did --

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

6 HUNTER BIDEN: -- if everyone stopped doing
7 that, it would be a dead fucking world. And that's
8 what I'm saying. If everybody only acted in
9 self -- if mycelium only acted in its own self
10 interest, without risk to itself --

11 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

12 HUNTER BIDEN: -- then there would be no
13 mycelium because there would be no forest.

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh. Hmm.

15 HUNTER BIDEN: It all dies if everyone stops
16 caring.

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

18 HUNTER BIDEN: If no one gives anyone love and
19 only lives for themselves, there is not a
20 possibility that there is life in the universe.

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: But how do you -- how are you
22 able to give -- if you -- how are you able to give
23 other people love if you --

24 HUNTER BIDEN: Okay.

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- can't --

1 HUNTER BIDEN: So here's the thing --

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- give love --

3 HUNTER BIDEN: -- that's totally --

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- to yourself and --

5 HUNTER BIDEN: This is --

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- love to your family or --

7 HUNTER BIDEN: Understood.

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- love to your immediate
9 friends?

10 HUNTER BIDEN: I know. But don't say first
11 take care of yourself. I hate when people fucking
12 say that.

13 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

14 HUNTER BIDEN: It's ridiculous.

15 First --

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

17 HUNTER BIDEN: -- the only way that we're able
18 to pull ourselves in, and the only way the
19 collective is able to continue to exist -- and it
20 may be the fiction of all life from the beginning
21 of time --

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

23 HUNTER BIDEN: -- and I -- I either have to
24 believe that what I'm doing -- I believe if the
25 only thing I want to do is survive --

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

2 HUNTER BIDEN: -- there would never have been
3 a fucking society. Babies would have eaten their
4 fucking mothers. The nine --

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: But have you --

6 HUNTER BIDEN: -- pups that were born --

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- been in that position?
8 You weren't born in favela or Brazil; you know? We
9 weren't, like, born in like --

10 HUNTER BIDEN: What are you talking about?

11 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- a society of poverty --

12 HUNTER BIDEN: What does that have to do with
13 anything?

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: Meaning that --

15 HUNTER BIDEN: And people --

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- we never know. We are
17 privileged. We've -- we've never known --

18 HUNTER BIDEN: What are you talking about?
19 I -- you've never known fucking struggle?

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah, but not -- not -- like
21 if you are born -- if you're born in the favela,
22 you would probably kill somebody to eat --

23 HUNTER BIDEN: Of course.

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- to look after yourself.

25 HUNTER BIDEN: Yes. I know. So --

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: You're not thinking --

2 HUNTER BIDEN: So --

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- oh, I better not --

4 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah.

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- do that because --

6 HUNTER BIDEN: No.

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- this is --

8 HUNTER BIDEN: But if you -- but you also, --
9 you know what? If you're in the favela, you better
10 not kill your fucking -- the -- the person that is
11 going to be your next meal.

12 And so you have a degree by which people are
13 acting -- everyone acts out of their own
14 self-interest. Everything -- everything you do --
15 for instance, when you say I do people a favor just
16 because I can: Bullshit.

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

18 HUNTER BIDEN: You do people favors because
19 you know, even if it's in the remotest part of your
20 brain, I say --

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

22 HUNTER BIDEN: -- because I'm positive of it,
23 it's just rid -- like this is ridiculous that I'm
24 even having the discussion.

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

1 HUNTER BIDEN: We do things for others
2 because --

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

4 HUNTER BIDEN: -- we are doing for ourselves.
5 The fiction is that we are created as
6 organisms to do things -- to think that there is
7 some sort of, like -- like something higher than
8 self-preservation.

9 PHILLIPA HORAN: Why do I have -- why am I --

10 HUNTER BIDEN: Because we get fucked-up in the
11 head. We get totally fucked-up in the head. And
12 we don't know, what is it for myself.

13 PHILLIPA HORAN: I just think if you can do
14 it -- if it's easy to do it, you do it. If it's,
15 like, easy to do --

16 HUNTER BIDEN: Why?

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- you do it. If it
18 brings --

19 HUNTER BIDEN: Why though?

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- a whole --

21 HUNTER BIDEN: Why? Because nothing is easy
22 to do and you've proven it. You -- are eas -- is
23 it easy to do what you do with your Airbnb?

24 Because you said it's the biggest stress in
25 your life right now.

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah, it is.

2 HUNTER BIDEN: So why keep saying that, the
3 only reason I do it is because I can and it's easy
4 to do.

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: No, I'm not talking about
6 that. I'm talking about like --

7 HUNTER BIDEN: Name one thing that has been
8 easy that you've done, that you're talking about
9 easy --

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

11 HUNTER BIDEN: -- that you do --

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

13 HUNTER BIDEN: -- that is not clearly for
14 yourself, that at the end of the day is not
15 something that has become very -- very important to
16 you.

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: Well, like going to visit
18 this terminally ill guy that I didn't know,
19 spending hours --

20 HUNTER BIDEN: Actually, I'm not -- you're --
21 you're -- you're talking to me about it, is that
22 not incredibly important to you in terms of you
23 understanding for yourself why you do that? You
24 did it because you felt the need to be able to be
25 of service to somebody else who's dying, and then

1 you realize that guy's dying and he's all alone.

2 And then you realize, like, holy shit --

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

4 HUNTER BIDEN: -- can I imagine that myself --

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: Right.

6 HUNTER BIDEN: -- being that person --

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

8 HUNTER BIDEN: -- and why you do it. It's
9 your own self-interest to know, to hope, that when
10 you're that person lying there, that someone's
11 going to come and see you. Because you don't want
12 to believe that you can be a person that lies there
13 and dies by themselves. And you know when you do
14 it for him, you're giving yourself the hope that
15 someone will do it for you. Everything that we do
16 is a self-interested act, even if we don't know it.

17 However --

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: Hmm.

19 HUNTER BIDEN: -- you choose to do it because
20 you choose goodness because you know --

21 PHILLIPA HORAN: It's how I was raised, you
22 know.

23 HUNTER BIDEN: Honey, it's not how you were
24 raised.

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: It's how I was raised.

1 HUNTER BIDEN: Really?

2 PHILLIPA HORAN: It's how I was raised.

3 HUNTER BIDEN: Did your mother go -- did your
4 dad go to his brother --

5 PHILLIPA HORAN: My mom -- what?

6 HUNTER BIDEN: Did your dad go to his brother?

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: No.

8 HUNTER BIDEN: Has your mother come out of her
9 malaise?

10 PHILLIPA HORAN: But my -- but my --

11 HUNTER BIDEN: But really, it's how you were
12 raised. You're so full of shit.

13 Every single thing you've said to me is you
14 were raised with that as being a moral code.
15 That's --

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: Yeah.

17 HUNTER BIDEN: -- what they told you to do.

18 PHILLIPA HORAN: And that's -- my --

19 HUNTER BIDEN: They have been caregivers.

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- my aunt -- my aunt like
21 runs around people.

22 HUNTER BIDEN: Which one, the one in India or
23 the one in -- I mean, the one in Dubai?

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: No. No. Fuck no. My aunt
25 who's a shrink. My -- my father's sister. She

1 looks after people. You know, she has all these
2 clients and she'll --

3 HUNTER BIDEN: No, not clients.

4 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- they'll stop -- no, no,
5 no --

6 HUNTER BIDEN: Don't ever talk to me about --

7 PHILLIPA HORAN: Wait, wait, wait.

8 HUNTER BIDEN: -- her having a client.

9 PHILLIPA HORAN: They'll stop being her
10 clients and then a few years afterwards --

11 HUNTER BIDEN: But they were clients.

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- she'll -- they were a
13 client once.

14 Or she'll just -- she helps people all the
15 time.

16 HUNTER BIDEN: Then good.

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: She just bought a car for my
18 uncle's friend who's an alcoholic --

19 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah.

20 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- that drive

21 (indiscernible) -- [TIMESTAMP 1:14:14]

22 HUNTER BIDEN: Yes.

23 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- to help him out.

24 HUNTER BIDEN: And what's so -- yeah, okay.

25 So she's great then.

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: She's great.

2 HUNTER BIDEN: Yeah.

3 PHILLIPA HORAN: She does things --

4 HUNTER BIDEN: So your aunt lived a life in
5 which was exemplary to you, right?

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: Uh-huh.

7 HUNTER BIDEN: So what are you talking about
8 then? Is she saying the reason that she does --
9 does it is because she can, or is she doing it
10 because she thinks it's a higher purpose to act
11 that way?

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: I don't know, I've never
13 asked her.

14 HUNTER BIDEN: Text her right now and say, why
15 do you do good things, auntie?

16 PHILLIPA HORAN: Should I text her?

17 HUNTER BIDEN: Why do you -- yeah, text her,
18 for real.

19 Why do you do things that I see as being
20 completely not in your interest, but are good for
21 other people? What is the reason?

22 PHILLIPA HORAN: I mean, they're --

23 HUNTER BIDEN: What is --

24 PHILLIPA HORAN: -- even --

25 HUNTER BIDEN: -- your motivation?

1 PHILLIPA HORAN: They treat -- she gets
2 treated really badly, they get --

3 HUNTER BIDEN: Ask her right now. And she's
4 going to give me the same answer you do, which is
5 going to be the reason why I'm going to say you
6 should have your license taken away and we
7 should -- I -- I mean -- seriously. She --

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: Really?

9 HUNTER BIDEN: Continue, really. I mean, what
10 time is it over there right now?

11 PHILLIPA HORAN: It's late. It's 9:00.
12 Are you free?

13 HUNTER BIDEN: No, just ask her by text.

14 PHILLIPA HORAN: Are you free --

15 HUNTER BIDEN: It would be more interesting to
16 read what she says.

17 PHILLIPA HORAN: All right. Okay. I'm having
18 a conversation -- she'll read that. To ask you --
19 why do you help people --

20 What's the question?

21 Why do you help people --

22 HUNTER BIDEN: Why do you do things for other
23 people that you know aren't directly in your
24 self-interest.

25 PHILLIPA HORAN: Why do you -- why do you

1 things --

2 HUNTER BIDEN: Why do you do good things that
3 you know you will not get any, like, obvious return
4 from? Without -- I don't -- I don't see you as
5 being -- getting any -- anything out of.

6 PHILLIPA HORAN: Why do you do things --

7 HUNTER BIDEN: You don't get back.

8 PHILLIPA HORAN: Why do you do good things for
9 other people when --

10 HUNTER BIDEN: That I don't -- say from your
11 perspective --

12 PHILLIPA HORAN: I don't want her to be
13 offended.

14 You have nothing to gain from.

15 All right. Let's finish this.

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